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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017 ON PAGE 137]

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO
6 ORDER. WELCOME, EVERYONE. PLEASE FIND A SEAT. PEOPLE ON THE
7 DAIS, PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, WE'RE BEGINNING THE MEETING. I
8 WON'T SAY NO MORE JOLITY, BECAUSE WE COULD HAVE JOLITY WHILE
9 WE'RE HAVING A MEETING, JUST AS LONG AS IT'S NOT TOO NOISY.
10 WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, WE TAKE
12 NOTE THAT FOUR OF OUR FIVE BOARD ARE PRESENT, AND I THINK
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS IN THE ELEVATOR, BUT HE WILL BE
14 HERE VERY SOON. WELCOME ALSO TO OUR C.E.O., TO OUR COUNTY
15 COUNSEL, TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND ALL OF OUR SERGEANT AT
16 ARMS WHO ARE HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION,
17 WHICH TODAY WILL BE LED BY THE REVEREND TIMOTHY AVAZIAN FROM
18 THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN PEDRO. AND THEN WE WILL
19 HAVE OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH IF OUR PLEDGE VET DOESN'T
20 ARRIVE TODAY WILL BE LED BY STAFF SERGEANT KIMBERLY HILL, WHOM
21 I WILL THANK AFTER SHE DOES IT. SO, LET US BEGIN WITH OUR
22 INVOCATION. ALL WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE RISE.

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24 **REV. TIMOTHY AVAZIAN:** AND WOULD YOU BOW YOUR HEADS WITH ME.

25 GOD OF ALL CREATION, WE COME TO YOU NOW AND ASK THAT YOU WOULD

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1 BE WITH US AS WE GATHER HERE. YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT
2 IS GOOD, AND YOUR GENEROSITY OVERFLOWS TO US IN SO MANY WAYS.
3 YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR BLESSINGS, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL
4 FOR EVERY GIFT THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN. WE ALSO REMEMBER THAT
5 WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS. TODAY WE PRAY FOR
6 OUR COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE.
7 THANK YOU FOR THE SERVICE OF OUR ELECTED OFFICERS AND
8 OFFICIALS WHO WORK ON THE PRESSING NEEDS OF THOSE THAT THEY
9 SERVE. IT'S A DAUNTING TASK WITH THE MILLIONS THEY REPRESENT
10 AND THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT ALL OF US. AND SO, WE ASK FOR
11 GUIDANCE AS THEY SEEK TO SERVE AND LEAD. WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN
12 OUR COUNTY AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES WHERE FAMILIES AND
13 INDIVIDUALS HAVE SUFFERED LOSS DUE TO THE WILDFIRES, THE FIRES
14 THAT RAVAGED HILLSIDES. THANK YOU FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO
15 WERE THERE TO HELP AND BE IN THE MIDST AND SAVE PROPERTY AND
16 LIVES. THEY PROVIDED THE RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE THAT NEED TO
17 REBUILD THEIR PROPERTY AND THEIR LIVES AND GIVE THEM HOPE-
18 FILLED FUTURES. WE PRAY FOR THOSE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
19 ALSO WHO ARE LONELY AND HUNGRY, HOMELESS OR DISPLACED. WE ASK
20 ON THEIR BEHALF THAT YOU WOULD PROVIDE FOR THEM IN THEIR NEED.
21 AND, FINALLY, WE PRAY FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE MANY
22 CELEBRATIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE. LET TIMES AT WHICH WE
23 GATHER TO CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS BE A REMINDER OF
24 OUR NEED FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR INTERDEPENDENCE WHICH CAUSES

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1 US TO BE THANKFUL. SO BE WITH US NOW AND BLESS THIS MEETING
2 AND THE DELIBERATIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE. AMEN.

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4 **KIMBERLY HILL:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT
5 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. FACE THE FLAG. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
6 PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, FACE THE FLAG
7 AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
8 RECITED.]

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'M VERY PLEASED
13 THAT WE HAD REVEREND TIM AVAZIAN, WHO IS THE PASTOR AT THE
14 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN PEDRO, LEAD US THIS MORNING
15 IN OUR INVOCATION. THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE CHURCH THAT I, MY
16 NOTES SAY, REGULARLY ATTEND, AND I FELT LIKE IN FRONT OF GOD I
17 SHOULDN'T SAY REGULARLY. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I'M THERE. I'M THERE
18 ENOUGH. I'M THERE ENOUGH. RIGHT? YEAH. PASTOR TIM IS THE
19 GRANDSON OF ARMENIAN IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY FROM
20 THEIR NATIVE HOME OF TURKEY. HE GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES, HAS
21 BEEN MARRIED FOR 32 YEARS TO HIS WIFE, KAREN. THEY HAVE FOUR
22 CHILDREN. PASTOR TIM SERVED AS THE INTERIM HEAD OF STAFF AT
23 MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN RIVERSIDE, THE INTERIM SENIOR
24 PASTOR AT CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN IN CARLSBAD, AND THE ASSOCIATE
25 PASTOR AT IRVINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. HE ALWAYS HAS HAD A BIG

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1 HEART FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO THIS COUNTRY TO BEGIN A NEW
2 LIFE. FOR 22 YEARS NOW, OUR CHURCH, THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
3 CHURCH OF SAN PEDRO, HAS ORGANIZED A COMMUNITY PROGRAM TO
4 BRING NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR HARBOR AREA A HOLIDAY MEAL TO
5 ENJOY WITH THEIR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS FOR THANKSGIVING. THIS
6 YEAR, TIM GOT TO OVERSEE THE PROGRAM WHERE 3,000 MEALS WERE
7 PROVIDED TO PEOPLE IN THE HARBOR AREA. THANK YOU, PASTOR TIM.
8 THANK YOU FOR TODAY'S HEARTFELT INVOCATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 SERVICE. AND THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT DODGER FAN.
10 [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] AND ON BEHALF -- ON BEHALF OF THE
11 BEING COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE JUST WANTED TO REMEMBER THIS
12 OCCASION. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US. AND I WANTED TO
13 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE
16 TO THANK THE WOMAN WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE TODAY. YOU MAY SEE
17 HER UP ON THE DAIS OFTEN, BECAUSE SHE IS PART OF OUR
18 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS, ARMY VETERAN STAFF
19 SERGEANT KIMBERLY HILL. PLEASE GIVE HER A HAND FOR HELPING US
20 OUT THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN WITH PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT
25 AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY

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1 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, SUPERVISOR BARGER
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, CONSENT CALENDAR,
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM 2 AND 3, A
4 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
5 ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 40. MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF
7 THESE ITEMS, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 5 AND 8, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
9 HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 9,
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
11 NUMBER 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM
12 BE HELD. AND ITEM NUMBER 10 RELATES TO ITEM 69. MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF
14 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEMS 12, 14, 15 AND 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
15 HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, A MEMBER
16 OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON
17 ITEM NUMBER 20, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
18 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THIS ITEM RELATES TO
20 ITEM 66-C, THEREFORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE
21 TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. ON ITEMS 24
22 AND 25, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 HELD. ON ITEM 31, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 16, 2018, AS
25 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 33, THIS ITEM

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1 RELATES TO ITEM 62. ON ITEMS 34 AND 35, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
2 HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 38 AND 39, A
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
4 ITEM NUMBER 40, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 4. ON ITEM
5 44, 45, 50, 54 AND 60, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
6 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 65, THE REGISTRAR-
7 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK
8 TO HIS OFFICE. ON PAGE 38, THIS INCLUDE MISCELLANEOUS
9 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
10 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
11 AGENDA. ON ITEM 66-C, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
12 BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 23. ON ITEM 66-F,
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS MOTION BE AMENDED TO
14 DELETE THE IDENTIFIED FUNDING SOURCE IN DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2 AND
15 INSTEAD USE FUNDS IDENTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
16 COPIES OF THIS AMENDMENT ARE AVAILABLE WITH STAFF, AND A
17 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
18 ITEM 66-F. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 66-F ARE BEFORE YOU.

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20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE
21 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE WILL RECORD A UNANIMOUS
23 VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS. ON PAGE 39, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION,
24 ITEM 69 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION TO AMEND THE GAS
25 PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

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1 TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE FOR 6 MONTHS THROUGH JUNE
2 30TH, 2018, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS
3 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 70 -- THIS IS ALSO ON PAGE 39 --
4 ITEM 70 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. THAT COMPLETES THE
5 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
6 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2, AND PRESENTATIONS
7 BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I BELIEVE OUR FIRST PRESENTATION WILL BE TO
11 DR. MITCH KATZ. IF HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE NEARBY. AND I'LL
12 START. MAYBE DR. KATZ'S FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO COME UP AND JOIN
13 HIM. THIS IS KIND OF A BIG MOMENT. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MIXED
14 FEELING MOMENTS, I THINK. SO HERE'S WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT
15 MITCH KATZ, AND I ASSUME THERE MAY BE OTHERS WHO MAY WISH TO
16 WEIGH IN UP HERE. IF YOU WERE ONCE HOMELESS AND YOU'RE NOW ONE
17 OF THE 3,500 PEOPLE HOUSED THROUGH THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH
18 PROGRAM, IF YOU GET MEDICAL CARE AT A COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC AND
19 YOUR DOCTOR CAN PULL UP ALL YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS REGARDLESS OF
20 WHICHEVER D.H.S. FACILITY YOU WERE LAST SEEN IN, IF YOU'RE ONE
21 OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE
22 HEALTH INSURANCE TODAY AS A RESULT OF A LARGE-SCALE COUNTY
23 EFFORT TO PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES TO EXPAND
24 MEDI-CAL COVERAGE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THEN YOU KNOW
25 FIRSTHAND, THOUGH YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW TO WHOM TO ATTRIBUTE IT,

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1 THE CONTRIBUTION OF DR. MITCH KATZ TO OUR COUNTY OF L.A. MITCH
2 JOINED THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ONLY SEVEN
3 YEARS AGO IN 2010. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY INCLUDE
4 OPENING THE NEW M.L.K., JR. OUTPATIENT CENTER, THE M.L.K., JR.
5 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, INTEGRATING A HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM SO
6 THAT PATIENTS USING DIFFERENT SERVICES ACCESSED AT DIFFERENT
7 COUNTY FACILITIES CAN HAVE THEIR COMPLETE MEDICAL RECORDS
8 PULLED UP AT ANY ONE OF OUR COUNTY CLINICS, AND THE LAUNCH OF
9 THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM THAT HOUSES CHRONICALLY
10 HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS. HE
11 WAS FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE COMBINED COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY. HE
12 HELPED THE COUNTY TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE A.C.A. AND
13 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LABOR ALLIES TO
14 TRANSFORM D.H.S. INTO A PROVIDER OF FIRST CHOICE FOR OUR L.A.
15 RESIDENTS. HE ALSO INITIATED THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO IMPROVE
16 ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT FOR THE CARE PROVIDED TO OUR
17 INMATES BY MOVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
18 SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. HE DID ALL THIS
19 WHILE DEMONSTRATING AMAZING DEDICATION TO D.H.S. CLIENTS BY
20 ROUTINELY SEEING PATIENTS AT OUR CLINICS AND SERVING AS A ROLE
21 MODEL FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES. ANY OF YOU WHO HAVE SEEN MITCH
22 BIKING AND, WELL, RIDING ACROSS TOWN ON HIS BIKE, TURNING UP
23 AT MEETINGS WITH HIS HELMET STILL ON AND CROCS ON HIS FEET,
24 AND IT SOUNDS LIKE TOO CASUAL? NO, WE WERE SO ENVIOUS. AND HE
25 SET A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE, WHICH SOME OF US FOLLOWED. BUT SOME

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1 OF US, LIKE JANICE, ONLY DID IT INTERMITTENTLY. I THINK SHE
2 JUST ADMITTED TO INTERMITTENT CHURCH ATTENDANCE. [LAUGHTER.]
3 AS I SAID, THIS IS KIND OF ONE OF THOSE MIXED MOMENTS. I'M
4 CERTAIN THAT MITCH'S DECISION, A VERY IMPORTANT ONE, TO HIM
5 AND HIS FAMILY, IS SOMETHING THAT WE OBVIOUSLY NEED TO SUPPORT
6 AND WANT TO SUPPORT. HIS NEW WORK IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK
7 WILL BE A BLESSING FOR THEM AS HIS WORK HAS BEEN A BLESSING
8 FOR US. IT'S REALLY HARD TO MEASURE SOMETIMES HOW MUCH OF A
9 DIFFERENCE ONE PERSON CAN MAKE. PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IN
10 GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE WE TRY TO SHOW IT AS SUCH A COLLECTIVE
11 EFFORT, BUT I HAVE TO SAY: LEADERSHIP COUNTS. IT JUST COUNTS.
12 HE HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER AND EXTRAORDINARY
13 PHYSICIAN, AN EXTRAORDINARY BLESSING, AS I SAID, FOR THE
14 COUNTY. SO LET ME TURN THIS OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE, MARK RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS, WHO ASKED TO SPEAK NEXT.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I
18 THINK THE COUNTY HAD A VACANCY IN DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
19 FOR A LITTLE BETTER THAN TWO YEARS. WE SEARCHED AND WE WENT
20 THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE NATION TO FIND A
21 DIRECTOR. IT TOOK A LONG TIME AND WAS RATHER AGONIZING, TO SAY
22 THE VERY LEAST. AND THEN IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MITCH
23 KATZ HAD DONE AN EXEMPLARY JOB IN THE BAY AREA, SPECIFICALLY
24 IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND THAT WE SHOULD DO ALL WE COULD TO REACH
25 OUT TO HIM, BECAUSE HE WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES

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1 COUNTY. AND WE WORKED HARD TO MEET HIM AND GREET HIM, AND
2 ULTIMATELY, THAT BOARD MADE A DECISION. AND I WISH TO ASSERT
3 HERE AND NOW THAT I DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER DECISION THAT THE
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS MADE THAN IN THE HIRING OF DR.
5 MITCHELL KATZ. AND I MEAN THAT SINCERELY. I WANT TO TAKE THIS
6 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU, MITCH, FOR SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO
7 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, IT'S
8 CHARACTERIZED BY INNOVATIVE IDEAS, STRATEGIC THINKING AND
9 TIRELESS EFFORTS TO DELIVER TO THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE
10 RESIDENTS. HE'S UNAPOLOGETIC ABOUT THAT. HE MEANS HEALTHCARE
11 FOR ALL DRIVEN BY A FUNDAMENTAL SENSE OF EQUALITY AND RESPECT
12 FOR EVERY SINGLE PATIENT. HE MADE THAT CLEAR IN MY FIRST
13 INTERVIEW WITH HIM, AND HE HAD IDEAS THAT WERE JUST BEAMING IN
14 A RATHER EXTRAORDINARY WAY. HE CAUGHT MY IMAGINATION. AND THE
15 REST IS HISTORY. IN MANY RESPECTS, I BELIEVE THAT MITCHELL
16 KATZ IS WITHOUT PEER AS A TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADER AND
17 PRACTITIONER IN PUBLIC HEALTH. FEW COME AS EQUIPPED. FEW COME
18 AS COMMITTED. AND, YET, HE TOOK ON THE TASK WITH A SKILL AND
19 COMPASSION AND CAUSED HIMSELF TO BE ACCOUNTABLE AND SAID TO
20 OTHERS: YOU, TOO, WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS
21 HE DID WAS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING ROUNDS,
22 PRACTICING, AND, THEREFORE, HE WANTED THOSE WHO HAD
23 PRACTICALLY FORGOTTEN THE GIFT OF BEING A PHYSICIAN TO LEARN
24 HOW TO DO IT AGAIN AND PUT ON THE APPROPRIATE ATTIRE AND FACE
25 THOSE PATIENTS WITH THE KIND OF INTENTION THAT THEY WERE HIRED

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1 TO DO. HE DID THAT. AND HE DID IT WITH A SENSE OF CALMNESS AND
2 RESPECT. AND SO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY THE
3 CHAIR, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE THAT CAN BE REFERENCED. I JUST
4 WANT TO SAY THAT HE LED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.C.A. IN
5 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY. HE UPGRADED
6 OUR SYSTEMS IN AN EXCEPTIONAL WAY. AND HE CONTINUES TO
7 INNOVATE. AND WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE WHAT WE'VE DONE AND TAKEN
8 A STEP FORWARD ON HOMELESSNESS HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR HIS SENSE
9 OF DETERMINATION. LONG BEFORE MEASURE H, MITCHELL KATZ WAS ON
10 THE CASE. AND SO I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT IT'S BEEN AN
11 HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE. I WANT TO SAY FURTHER THAT L.A.'S LOSS
12 IS NEW YORK'S GAIN. AND WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WELL AS
13 YOU BRING YOUR EXPERTISE, YOUR INSIGHTS, YOUR FULL BEARING TO
14 SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THE SPACE THAT WE KNOW AS NEW YORK, A
15 RIVAL TO LOS ANGELES IN SO MANY WAYS. AND WE WILL SEEK TO
16 SETTLE THE SCORE WITH THEM AT ANOTHER POINT IN TIME. THANK YOU
17 AND GOD BLESS YOU, MITCHELL KATZ. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. MITCH, YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD THE
22 HONOR OF WORKING FOR THE COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS, AND I'VE WORKED
23 WITH MANY HEALTH DIRECTORS. EACH ONE BROUGHT A DIFFERENT VIEW
24 OF HOW TO RUN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. BUT WITH YOU, YOU TRULY
25 ARE WHAT A PUBLIC SERVANT IS ABOUT. YOUR VISION, WHEN WE GO

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1 BACK TO D.C., I WOULD TELL PEOPLE REGARDING A.C.A., TALK TO
2 MITCH KATZ, BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS WHERE THERE ARE SHORTFALLS
3 IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BECAUSE HE HAS LOOKED AT OUR
4 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY AND TRULY BUILT A SYSTEM THAT
5 ARGUABLY IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE THE NATION. IT'S NOT
6 PERFECT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT HOLDS UP TO ANY HEALTHCARE
7 SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND
8 IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW
9 THAT MITCH HAS PUT A LOT OF TIME INTO THIS. AND AS HIS SPOUSE,
10 YOU SUPPORTED HIM. AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THAT, BECAUSE YOU'VE
11 GIVEN UP A LOT, AS WELL, AS WELL AS YOUR FAMILY, IN SUPPORTING
12 THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE FAMILY. AND SO WE DO
13 CONSIDER YOU PART OF THE FAMILY. MITCH, YOU ARE GOING TO BE
14 MISSED, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS IS THAT YOU'VE PROMISED TO BE ON
15 SPEED DIAL. [LAUGHTER.] WHICH I THINK IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE
16 THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT YOU HAVE PUT INTO PLAY THAT
17 WE'RE GOING TO BUILD UPON. AND WHEN I WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE,
18 THEIR BIGGEST FEAR WAS, UP IN THE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WAS
19 THAT WITHOUT YOU, IT WOULD NOT CONTINUE. AND IT WILL CONTINUE.
20 YOU PLANTED THAT SEED. AND NOW IT IS UP TO US AS A BOARD TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE THAT VISION, WHETHER IT BE WITH THE
22 HOMELESS OR WHETHER IT BE WITH ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR THE
23 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. MANY IN THIS COUNTY DON'T REALIZE
24 THAT 3/4 OF OUR BUDGET GOES TO HEALTH AND WELFARE, OF WHICH
25 THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY BENEFIT FROM THE WORK

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1 THAT YOU HAVE DONE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THANK YOUR
2 FAMILY, IGGY, GRATEFUL BEYOND WORDS. AND WE WILL MISS YOU. BUT
3 TRULY, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE A PHONE CALL AWAY. SO THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WELL, I, TOO, JUST
8 WANTED TO ADD MY WORDS TO YOUR DEPARTURE, MITCH. I HAVEN'T
9 KNOWN YOU ALL THAT LONG. I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU
10 WAS AT THE REOPENING OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOSPITAL.
11 I HAD HEARD YOUR PRAISES BEING SUNG BY THOSE FAR AND WIDE.
12 MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI WAS ALWAYS A BIG FAN OF YOURS AND SAID HOW
13 LUCKY THE COUNTY WAS TO HAVE GOTTEN YOU. I FEEL SAD THAT I WAS
14 ONLY ALLOWED TO SERVE WITH YOU FOR A YEAR, BUT IT HAS BEEN A
15 YEAR WHERE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO WATCH YOU REALLY BE AN AMAZING
16 LEADER AND AN AMAZING HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. I REMEMBER WHEN WE
17 WERE TALKING ABOUT THE HOMELESS AND YOU SAID, "IF I COULD
18 WRITE A PRESCRIPTION TO GIVE EVERYONE A HOME, THAT WOULD BE
19 THE CURE." AND I LOVED THE WAY YOU DESCRIBED THAT. AND THAT'S
20 A LOT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO. WE ALL HAVE OUR THINGS THAT
21 WE CARE ABOUT IN OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT. FOR ME, IT WAS ABOUT
22 BRINGING JOBS BACK IN-HOUSE TO THE COUNTY. I REALLY WANT TO
23 SEE US DOING BETTER ON HIRING OUR OWN DOCTORS AND NURSES AND
24 NURSE PRACTITIONERS. AND UNDER YOU, WE'VE ACTUALLY BROUGHT
25 BACK 1,400 JOBS BACK INTO THE COUNTY. AND I THINK THAT'S A

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1 TREND THAT I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE ON. I ALSO LOVE THAT YOU
2 HAVE WORKED HAND-IN-HAND WITH OUR LABOR FRIENDS TO CREATE THE
3 INFORMAL SUBCOMMITTEE CALLED THE LABOR MANAGEMENT
4 TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL, WHICH WAS VERY INNOVATIVE. AND IT WAS
5 A COLLABORATIVE WAY TO SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS. AND I WAS VERY
6 PLEASED THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS JOINED ME. AND WE AUTHORED THE
7 MOTION LAST WEEK TO CODIFY THAT GOING FORWARD. SO THAT WILL BE
8 A PERMANENT PART OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND WE WANTED TO DO
9 THAT BEFORE YOU LEFT, BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT THAT WAS IMPORTANT
10 TO YOU. AND I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT MY
11 COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO CHAMPION SOMETHING THAT YOU BROUGHT
12 TO ME, WHICH WAS ALLOWING AMBULANCES TO BRING PATIENTS
13 DIRECTLY TO THE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTERS AND SOBERING
14 CENTERS IN THE COUNTY INSTEAD OF ALWAYS HAVING TO TAKE THEM TO
15 EMERGENCY ROOMS, WHICH YOU THOUGHT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA,
16 CERTAINLY TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS,
17 REDUCE COSTS, AND DO A BETTER JOB OF TREATING WHAT THEY
18 ACTUALLY NEEDED, WHICH WAS EITHER TO GET TO A MENTAL HEALTH
19 URGENT CARE OR TO SOBER UP A LITTLE BIT INSTEAD OF GOING
20 STRAIGHT TO THE EMERGENCY. SO OUR FRIEND ASSEMBLYMEMBER GIPSON
21 IS CARRYING THAT BILL, AND YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO CHAMPION THE
22 PASSAGE OF THAT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S A LEGACY THAT WOULD BE
23 REALLY APPROPRIATE FOR YOU. SO CONGRATULATIONS, I GUESS.
24 [LAUGHTER.] I REMEMBER WHEN YOU CALLED AND GAVE US THE NEWS.
25 AND CERTAINLY THE FEELING FOR YOU WAS ABOUT YOUR PARENTS AND

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1 ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH THEM, WHICH I THINK FOR ALL
2 OF US, WE GET THAT. BUT, STILL, HUGE LOSS. SORRY THAT I DIDN'T
3 GET TO SERVE MORE WITH YOU, BUT YOU'VE REALLY HAD AN
4 IMPRESSION ON ME THAT WILL LAST FOR MY LIFETIME. THANKS.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL, MITCH, YOU'VE SET A HIGH STANDARD HERE
9 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I RECALL AND YOU REMIND ME, WHEN I WAS
10 SECRETARY OF LABOR, WE WERE BATTLING AT THAT TIME TO MAKE SURE
11 THAT SAN FRANCISCO GOT THE APPROPRIATE MINI A.C.A. COVERAGE.
12 AND YOU DID THAT. YOU DID IT BY STANDING UP TO FOLKS AT THE
13 TIME WHEN THIS WASN'T EVEN CONCEIVABLE. AND LOOK WHAT
14 HAPPENED. YOU BROUGHT THAT EXPERIENCE BACK HOME, AND YOU'VE
15 SET A HIGH STANDARD. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME WHEN I MET
16 WITH YOU IN EAST L.A., THE ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE CENTER. YOU
17 WERE THERE MEETING WITH PATIENTS AND TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE
18 SYMPTOMS OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU SAW AND HOW IT WAS
19 HARD, BUT YET I COULD SEE YOUR PASSION THERE IN HELPING TO
20 PROVIDE THE BEST CARE TO THE MOST -- LEAST LIKELY OF
21 INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE THAT KINDNESS AND COMPASSION. YOU
22 HELPED TO STEER PEOPLE TO A BETTER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND I
23 APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND
24 ESPECIALLY IN THE WAY THAT YOU CREATED PROGRAMS LIKE MY HEALTH
25 L.A., OVER 150,000 UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBERS AND INDIGENT

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1 POPULATION THAT RECEIVES CARE BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS. THAT
2 MEANS A LOT TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND I KNOW THAT YOU SET A HIGH
3 STANDARD. I'M JEALOUS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO NEW YORK, BUT I
4 WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOND THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE HERE
5 AND WHAT YOU HAVE SET IN PLACE FOR THE OTHER DIRECTORS,
6 DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO FOLLOW, BECAUSE YOU LED BY EXAMPLE. THAT
7 IS WHAT COUNTS, SHOWING THAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP AND NOT
8 LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD. SO MUCHICIMAS GRACIAS TO A
9 GRAN AMIGO. AND FELICIDADES TO YOUR FAMILY. THANK YOU. THANK
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** DOCTOR, I WANT YOU TO TAKE IN THE
13 FACT THAT SO MANY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES FROM ALL THE OTHER
14 DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO HERE TO HONOR YOU, AND I'D LIKE TO CALL
15 ON OUR HONORABLE C.E.O. TO SAY A FEW WORDS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO
16 REALLY RUN THE COUNTY.

17

18 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. SO, MITCH, ON BEHALF OF
19 ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, WE WANTED TO JUST THANK YOU FOR
20 BEING SUCH A GREAT PARTNER TO ALL OF US. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE
21 BEEN SOMEBODY WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE TABLE WHO SAID, "HOW
22 CAN I HELP YOU." I THINK IT'S A LESSON THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
23 TRYING TO TEACH ME. AND SO, WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE
24 FORWARD THINKING IN TERMS OF REALLY CHANGING OUR SYSTEM
25 AROUND. AND I KNOW WHEN YOU CAM IN, AND I'VE REPEATEDLY SAID

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1 THIS, THAT WE HAD LONG WAITS IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS, BACKLOGS
2 IN OUR URGENT CARE CENTERS. YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED THE SYSTEM
3 TO BE MORE OF A PREVENTATIVE CARE SYSTEM AND BROUGHT DOWN ALL
4 OF THOSE TIMES. I THINK THAT WON POINTS, AT LEAST FROM THE
5 C.E.O. STANDPOINT, AND I ATTRIBUTE THIS TO YOU AND THE REFORMS
6 THAT YOU HAVE DONE. IN 2010, WE FACED A \$280-MILLION DEFICIT
7 IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. TODAY YOU'RE LEAVING US WITH A A
8 \$560 MILLION RESERVE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO.. [APPLAUSE]
9 IT'S VERY NOTABLE AND I THINK IT SAYS A LOT, BECAUSE THIS YEAR
10 WHEN WE WENT ON OUR BOND RATING TRIP, I THINK THAT THE RATING
11 AGENCY WHO GAVE US THE UPGRADE REALLY LOOKED CLOSELY AT WHERE
12 WE WERE AND WHERE WE'VE COME TO. AND SO I ATTRIBUTE THAT TO
13 YOU. AND JUST THANK YOU AGAIN, AND BEST OF LUCK IN NEW YORK.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OVER TO YOU, DOC.

17

18 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S SUCH A JOY TO
19 WORK FOR THIS BOARD BECAUSE OF YOUR VALUES. I MEAN, TO ME
20 THAT'S ALWAYS THE MOST IMPORTANT. AND IN A TUMULTUOUS WORLD,
21 YOU ARE FIVE PEOPLE WHO DEEPLY CARE ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE, WHO
22 REALLY CARE ABOUT PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS
23 IS, WHATEVER THEIR INCOME, WHATEVER THEIR LIFE IS, YOU REALLY
24 CARE ABOUT THEM. AND THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME, IS THAT
25 EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS DIGNITY AND VALUE AND THAT WE SEEK TO

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1 LIFT EVERYBODY UP. AND I DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER ELECTED BODY
2 THAT WOULD MEET THE STANDARD THAT THE FIVE OF YOU SET. SO,
3 THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ME. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME. THANK
4 YOU FOR THE SUPPORT TO DO ALL OF THESE AMAZING THINGS WHICH
5 NEVER COULD HAVE HAPPENED OTHERWISE. I HAVE WONDERFUL
6 COLLEAGUES IN THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. I APPRECIATE ALL THE
7 HELP, SACHI, YOU'VE GIVEN ME OVER THE YEARS. AND, YOU KNOW, IT
8 TAKES LIKE A WHOLE -- MARY HAS LIKE 20 LAWYERS DEVOTED TO
9 TAKING CARE OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE DONE THAT PERHAPS WERE NOT
10 EXACTLY BY COUNTY RULES, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. [LAUGHTER.] I
11 HAVE, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, OUR AGENCY, DR.
12 FERRER, DR. SHERIN AND NOW DR. GHALY JOINING, YOU KNOW, HAVE
13 MADE THE AGENCY A GREAT PLACE. I HAVE, YOU KNOW, THE MOST
14 AMAZING COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHO
15 ARE A COMBINATION OF PHENOMENAL PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO MOVE
16 HERE WITH ME, DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DR. MARK GHALY, DR. HAL
17 YEE, DR. ELIZABETH JACOBY, NOW SUE CURRIN, MARK TROTZ WHO DOES
18 OUR HOMELESS. BUT THEY'RE EQUAL TO ALL THE PHENOMENAL PEOPLE I
19 FOUND HERE, INCLUDING GERARDO PINEDA, WHO IS HERE AND WHO HAS
20 SERVED ME SO WELL AND, I THINK, SERVES THIS BOARD INCREDIBLY
21 WELL. KEVIN LYNCH, OUR I.T. PERSON WHO, YOU KNOW, MADE THE
22 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD HAPPEN, GREG POLK, WHO SUPPORTED ME
23 ON ALL OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, SOME AMAZING HOSPITAL
24 C.E.O.S. IT'S REALLY BEEN AN AMAZING PRIVILEGE. I WOULD NEVER
25 LEAVE L.A. WERE IT NOT FOR MY PARENTS. THE ONE THING I'LL PASS

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1 ON AS A MORE SORT OF GENERAL HUMAN INTEREST THING IS I'VE
2 ALWAYS TALKED A LOT ABOUT MY CHILDREN BECAUSE I'M SO PROUD OF
3 THEM. BUT I NEVER REALLY TALKED ABOUT MY PARENTS. AND ONE OF
4 THE THINGS THAT'S HAPPENED IN TALKING ABOUT MY REASONS FOR
5 GOING AND HOW CHALLENGING IT IS TO HAVE AGING PARENTS IS HOW
6 MANY OF US ARE DEALING WITH AGING PARENTS AND HOW WE DON'T
7 TALK ABOUT THAT. I THINK IT'S REALLY INTERESTING THAT, YOU
8 KNOW, THE ISSUES THAT WE ALL CONFRONT IN WANTING OUR AGING
9 PARENTS TO DO WELL, I'VE NOW HEARD EVERY POSSIBLE VERSION OF
10 "I WAS NEAR THEM AND I WAS SO GLAD I WAS NEAR THEM." "I WAS
11 FAR AWAY FROM THEM AND IT HURT ME SO MUCH THAT I WAS FAR AWAY
12 FROM THEM." IN THAT SENSE, IT'S BEEN A GROWTH OPPORTUNITY FOR
13 ME TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO I WEIGH LEAVING A COUNTY THAT I REALLY
14 DON'T WANT TO LEAVE AGAINST BEING ABLE TO HELP MY PARENTS. AND
15 SO THE LAST THANK YOU IS TO MY FAMILY. THEY DID NOT WISH TO
16 LEAVE THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, BUT THEY EACH IN THEIR WAY
17 HAVE DONE EXCEEDINGLY WELL IN L.A., AND NOW NONE OF THEM
18 REALLY WANT TO LEAVE L.A. SO, YOU GO FIGURE THAT OUT.
19 [LAUGHTER.] BUT L.A. IS A PHENOMENAL PLACE. I'M A VERY LUCKY
20 MAN TO HAVE A FOREVER FAMILY, AND I THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK
2 WE OUGHT TO GIVE MITCH KATZ AND HIS FAMILY ANOTHER BIG ROUND
3 OF APPLAUSE, DON'T YOU THINK? [APPLAUSE] MADAME CHAIR, I
4 FAILED TO MENTION THAT ON ONE OCCASION, I SAID TO DR. KATZ,
5 "ARE YOU WEARING THAT TIE, OR IS THAT TIE WEARING YOU?" AND HE
6 JUST SIMPLY SAID TO ME, "HOW CAN I HELP YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR,"
7 ENDING THAT CONVERSATION. MITCH KATZ. WELL, TODAY WE HAVE A
8 KINDRED PROGRAM THAT WE CELEBRATE, AND IT'S THE LOS ANGELES
9 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM. GIVE THESE NEW BUDDING
10 EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND A BIG ROUND
11 OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE] OH, THERE'S A NUMBER OF
12 PEOPLE AND RECIPIENTS HERE. I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THIS IS
13 BETTER KNOWN AS L.A. E.M.T. IT'S A PILOT PROJECT, PROGRAM
14 DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 THROUGH 26 TO
15 SUSTAINABLE CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH
16 SECTORS. REPLICATED AFTER THE ALAMEDA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL
17 SERVICES PROGRAM, L.A. E.M.T. IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE PILOT PROGRAM PROVIDES CAREER
19 TECHNICAL EDUCATION, LIFE COACHING, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT,
20 EMPLOYMENT READINESS SERVICES, JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE,
21 MENTORING, TUTORING AND INTEGRATED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. IT'S
22 AN INTENSIVE FIVE-MONTH EARN-AND-LEARN PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES
23 SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES WITH MORE THAN A JOB UPON GRADUATION. THE
24 PROGRAM, IT'S ABOUT SELF-DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND
25 TRANSFORMATION. THE INITIAL WINS OF THIS FIRST COHORT WOULD

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1 NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS.
2 I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE SEVERAL COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM. I
4 WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
5 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. GIVE
8 THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR WORK. [APPLAUSE]
9 SO, REPRESENTED HERE ON THE DAIS TODAY ARE THOSE FROM THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THEIR
11 WORK WAS CRITICAL. IT WAS INTEGRAL. AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
12 THEM, AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM THEM SHORTLY. IN ADDITION, ALSO
13 REPRESENTED ARE THE WORKER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER,
14 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS W.E.R.K., WHO SERVED AS A PROGRAM PROVIDER,
15 ALONG WITH THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, OUR HOST SITE. AND THE
16 STENTORIANS. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MCCORMICK AMBULANCE, WHO
17 GUARANTEED A JOB TO EVERY ONE WHO PASSED THE NATIONAL REGISTRY
18 EXAM. SO, A SHOUTOUT TO MCCORMICK. NOTHING LIKE A REAL JOB,
19 DON'T YOU AGREE? [APPLAUSE.] THE COHORT REPRESENTED TODAY WAS
20 THE FIRST OF THREE GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.
21 THESE YOUNG MEN ARE REFERRED TO AS THE BROTHERS OF THE FIRST.
22 AND I AM PROUD OF THEIR PERSEVERANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM
23 AND WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS. AS YOU MAY NOTICE, THE
24 PARTICIPANTS ARE ALL YOUNG MALES, AND THIS WAS DONE BY DESIGN.
25 EACH COHORT IS GENDER-SPECIFIC, AND THE PLANNING GROUP IS

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1 WORKING ON DEVELOPING A COHORT FOR YOUNG WOMEN PURSUANT TO THE
2 GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN
3 ADDITION, WE HOPE TO SCALE UP AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM. THE
4 C.E.O. IS IN COLLABORATION WITH US, HAS BEEN PAYING ATTENTION,
5 WENT OUT AND INSPECTED THE PROGRAM, AND SHE'S ON A MISSION TO
6 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE YOUNG ADULTS WITH THE
7 APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THEIR LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS,
8 JUST LIKE JASON JONES WHO ASPIRES TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER. SO,
9 SPEAKING OF A FIREFIGHTER, MAY I CALL UP TO THE MICROPHONE AT
10 THIS TIME, OUR CHIEF FIREFIGHTER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
11 TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AND HE'LL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. JONES. LADIES
12 AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME CHIEF DARYL OSBY. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** WELL, GOOD MORNING. DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
16 HONORABLE CHAIR AND THE HONORABLE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
17 TO BE RECOGNIZED TODAY. AND I KNOW THAT TYPICALLY WHEN THE LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS RECOGNIZED FOR SOME
19 ENDEAVOR, IT'S SOMEHOW RELATED TO AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE,
20 BECAUSE OUR MISSION, OUR MOTTO IS TO PROTECT LIFE AND
21 PROPERTY. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT, WE'RE PROTECTING AND
22 SAVING LIVES. AND AS I STAND HERE AND I REFLECT UPON MY 10
23 YEARS AS A FIRE CHIEF, I THINK BACK TO SOME OF THE
24 CONVERSATIONS I HAD WITH THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS AND THE CURRENT BOARD THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IN

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1 RELATION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
2 PEOPLE IN NEED. AND I JUST WANT TO REPEAT A COUPLE THINGS THE
3 SUPERVISOR SAID. I JUST WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O. FOR
4 PARTNERING, BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES SHE COME UNDER PARTNER BUT
5 SHE GAVE MONEY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND MY COUNTERPART
6 FROM MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE THESE YOUNG
7 MEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE SUPPORT THAT THEY
8 GOT. AND THEN ALSO OUR PASTOR, PASTOR WATERS AND THE FIRST
9 LADY, BECAUSE -- [APPLAUSE] BECAUSE NOT ONLY DID THEY PROVIDE
10 THEIR FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE, BUT HE AND HIS CONGREGATION
11 WRAPPED AROUND THESE YOUNG MEN AS IT RELATES TO MENTORING THEM
12 HOW TO BE YOUNG MEN, HOW TO DATE, HOW TO -- [LAUGHTER.] AND I
13 GOT POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE GIRLFRIENDS. HOW TO MANAGE
14 THEIR CHECKBOOKS. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THOSE LIFE
15 SKILLS. AND THEN I HAVE FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC LEE TO MY FAR
16 RIGHT, OR LEFT. I JUST CAN'T ARTICULATE WHAT HE DID TO
17 TRANSFORM THESE YOUNG MEN'S LIVES. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT A FEW
18 TIMES I WENT DOWN THERE AND I HAD TO BITE MY TONGUE TO HOLD
19 BACK THE TEARS UNTIL I LEFT. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU
20 PUBLICLY FOR THAT COMMITMENT. [APPLAUSE] AS THE SUPERVISOR
21 SAID, THIS IS THE FIRST COHORT. WE HAVE OUR SECOND COHORT
22 THAT'S GOING TO START IN FEBRUARY. THEN OUR THIRD COHORT IS
23 GOING TO BE WOMEN. SO I'M LOOKING VERY FORWARD TO THAT. IN
24 CONCLUSION TO THE YOUNG MEN I HAVE HERE BEHIND ME, JUST KEEP
25 UP THE GREAT WORK. AND I THINK THAT THIS COMMITMENT THAT YOU

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1 DEMONSTRATED AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT HARD WORK DOES. AND WE HAVE
2 TAKEN SOME PEOPLE THAT SIX MONTHS AGO, THEY WEREN'T EXACTLY
3 SURE WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO. AND NOW THEY HAVE EMPLOYMENT.
4 AND SOME OF THEM WANT TO BECOME FIREFIGHTERS. I KNOW THAT WE
5 JUST ACKNOWLEDGED DR. KATZ IN RELATION TO HIS DEPARTURE AND
6 HE'S GOING TO TRULY BE MISSED. BUT AS IT RELATES TO OUR
7 SUCCESSION PLAN, I HAVE MY NEXT FIRE CHIEF HERE. WHERE IS HE?
8 [LAUGHTER.] BERNARD. WHEN I MET HIM, HE SAID, "YOU KNOW, I
9 DON'T JUST WANT TO BE AN E.M.T. NOW. I DON'T WANT TO BE A
10 FIREFIGHTER. I WANT YOUR JOB." SO, I'M TELLING YOU, "COME GET
11 IT." AND TO ALL, EVERYONE INVOLVED, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK
12 YOU FOR A GREAT JOB. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **NATHAN JONES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS NATHAN JONES. I WAS PART OF
15 L.A. E.M.T. L.A. E.M.T. WAS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED
16 TO ME. BEING A PART OF THIS PROGRAM, IT NOT ONLY HELPED ME
17 WITH MY CAREER GOAL, BUT IT HELPED ME, BUT IT HELPED FORM A
18 BROTHERHOOD THAT IS NOW UNBREAKABLE. BEING A PART, BEING ABLE
19 TO SEE THESE YOUNG MEN FROM THE FIRST DAY COMING IN AS
20 INDIVIDUALS AND NOW TRANSFORMING INTO BROTHERS THAT CHEER FOR
21 EACH OTHER EVERY TIME SOMEBODY WALKED IN, I BELIEVE THAT THE
22 PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE AN AMAZING IMPACT ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
23 TODAY. WE HAVE AN AMAZING TEACHER THAT POURS HIS HEART AND
24 SOUL INTO EVERY LESSON THAT HE TEACHES. WE HAVE THE BEST CASE
25 MANAGER THAT IS LIKE A BIG BROTHER TO ALL OF US AND IS WILLING

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1 TO DO ANYTHING FOR US. AND WE HAVE MOTHER WOODS, THAT IS -- WE
2 HAVE MS. WOODS TO BE ABLE TO HELP GUIDE US IN EVERY STEP THAT
3 WE TAKE NO MATTER IF SHE AGREES WITH US. WE MAKE A -- I'M
4 SORRY. IF SHE AGREES WITH US EVERY TIME WE MAKE A DECISION,
5 SHE'S WHISPERING IN OUR EARS. IF WE WANT TO GO RIGHT, SHE
6 TELLS US TO GO LEFT, BECAUSE SHE SEES THE BIGGER PICTURE IN
7 OUR LIFE THOSE TIMES THAT WE CANNOT. I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY
8 THAT I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF L.A. E.M.T. AND LET EVERYBODY
9 KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND WHAT IT'S ABOUT. NOW THAT I CAN
10 SAY I'M OFFICIALLY DONE WITH THE PROGRAM AND I WORK FOR
11 MCCORMICK, I ATTEMPT TO LIGHT A PATHWAY BEHIND ME SO OTHERS
12 CAN FOLLOW. I PRAY THAT MY BROTHERS ARE DOING THE SAME. I
13 WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR YOUR TIME IN COMING OUT
14 TODAY AND SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG MEN ON THIS PATH TO SUCCESS. I
15 HOPE THAT I ENCOURAGE MY BROTHERS TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO BE
16 ABLE TO BRING PEOPLE IN TO THE POSITION THAT WE ARE IN NOW.
17 ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HAVE A BLESSED DAY.
18 AND AT THIS TIME, I ACTUALLY WANT TO GIVE A GIFT TO MARK
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS ON BEHALF OF L.A. E.M.T. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE DELIGHTED
22 THAT YOU'RE HERE. AND, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT IS MY
23 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE C.E.O. HAS THE NOTION THAT EACH
24 DISTRICT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO LIKEWISE. THIS WAS
25 THE NOTION THAT WAS PLANTED WHEN WE SAW THE SUCCESS EARLY ON

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1 OF THIS PROGRAM. AND SO COUNTY-WIDE MEANS 1 THROUGH 5. AND I
2 THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING ALL DAY LONG. GIVE THEM ANOTHER
3 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, ALL RIGHT? [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR YET
6 ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE COUNTY'S BEST. LET
7 US THEN WELCOME THE HONORABLE BRUCE BRODIE. GIVE HIM A ROUND
8 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] WE KNOW HIM AS THE CHIEF DEPUTY OF THE
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALTERNATE -- ALTERNATIVE DEFENDER OFFICE,
10 AND HE ASPIRES TO THE BENCH. AND WE ARE AS PROUD OF HIM AS WE
11 CAN BE. IT WAS IN THE LANDMARK 1963 CASE OF GIDEON V.
12 WAINRIGHT, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT INTERPRETED THE CONSTITUTION
13 OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IT CONFIRMED THAT A FUNDAMENTAL AND
14 ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE TO A FAIR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS
15 THE RIGHT TO BE DEFENDED BY COMPETENT AND EFFECTIVE ATTORNEYS.
16 AN OBVIOUS TRUTH, THAT ANY PERSON SENT TO COURT WHO IS TOO
17 POOR TO HIRE A LAWYER CANNOT BE ASSURED A FAIR TRIAL UNLESS
18 ADEPT COUNSEL IS PROVIDED, END QUOTE. SO TODAY LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY WILL LOSE A TRUE DEFENDER OF THE PUBLIC. AFTER SOME 27
20 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE AS BOTH A PUBLIC AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC
21 DEFENDER, BRUCE BRODIE WILL BE LEAVING HIS POST AS CHIEF
22 DEPUTY. AND TOMORROW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TOMORROW WILL BE
23 HIS OFFICIAL LAST DAY HERE AT THE COUNTY. AND I CAN PUBLICLY
24 ANNOUNCE, HOWEVER, THAT MR. BRODIE HAS ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT
25 BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN TO BE A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IN THE

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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. [APPLAUSE] AND
2 SO THIS MEANS THAT HE BECOMES THE 19TH A.P.D. MEMBER TO BE
3 APPOINTED TO THE BENCH AND BEGINS THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HIS
4 CAREER AT THE START OF THE NEW YEAR ON JANUARY 2ND. AND SO, IN
5 ADDITION TO THAT, HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF JOHN M. LANGSTON BAR
6 ASSOCIATION, AS A BOARD MEMBER, IN PARTICULAR, FOR THE LAST 15
7 YEARS AND ALSO ON THE BOARD OF THE CRIMINAL COURTS BAR
8 ASSOCIATION, FORMER PRESIDENT AND CURRENT BOARD MEMBER OF THE
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BLACK PUBLIC DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION, AND HAS
10 BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF COUNTLESS OTHER AWARDS WITH HIS STELLAR
11 WORK IN THE COUNTY. AND SO, WE RECOGNIZE HIM FOR THAT WHICH HE
12 HAS DONE, THAT WHICH HE IS DOING RIGHT NOW, BEING HONORED, AND
13 THAT WHICH YOU WILL BE DOING IN THE FUTURE. HE'S DONE A
14 TREMENDOUS JOB IN A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR A VERY LONG TIME,
15 INCLUDING OUR VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFORMATION YOU WILL
16 WANT TO KNOW. HE'S TUTORED APPROXIMATELY 800 STUDENTS, MANY OF
17 WHOM HAVE PURSUED CAREERS AS PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE
18 PUBLIC DEFENDERS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN OTHER
19 WORDS, HE IS AND CONTINUES TO PAY IT FORWARD. AND SO, IT'S ON
20 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
21 CONTRIBUTIONS. WE HONOR YOUR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE, AND
22 WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR NEXT CHAPTER AS A
23 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BRUCE
24 BRODIE. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
3 DESERVED RECOGNITION BY CHIEF DEPUTY BRUCE BRODIE. AS HE
4 BECOMES OUR ACTUALLY 19TH SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, AS THE
5 SUPERVISOR NOTED, BUT 23RD A.P.D. BENCH OFFICER WITH FOUR
6 COMMISSIONERS. SO, WE COULDN'T BE PROUDER. AS I SHARED WITH
7 THE BOARD MEMBERS AND SACHI, OF COURSE, BRUCE BRODIE HAS BEEN
8 A GOOD AND LOYAL CHIEF DEPUTY AND MY ROCK FOR MANY YEARS. SO
9 I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS HIM. BUT IT'S TRUE. THERE'S ONLY SO
10 MUCH LAWYERS CAN DO ON THE OTHER SIDE OF COUNSEL TABLE. IT IS
11 THE ONE WEARING THE BLACK ROBE ON THE BENCH THAT IS THE
12 ULTIMATE DECISIONMAKER. AND I GUARANTEE YOU, JUDGE BRODIE'S
13 DECISIONS WILL BE FAIR AND JUST, OR ELSE. [LAUGHTER.] AGAIN,
14 THANK YOU, BOARD, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
15 [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **BRUCE BRODIE:** MADAME CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
18 COUNTY COUNSEL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JANICE BUKAI,
19 COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FRIENDS, GOOD MORNING. I
20 RISE THIS MORNING TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU. THANK YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ARRANGING THIS MOTION. THANK
22 YOU TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN MY
23 HOME FOR OVER 26 YEARS. SO IT IS I THAT OWE YOU A GREAT DEBT
24 OF THANKS RATHER THAN YOU OWING ME A DEBT OF THANKS. SERVICE
25 IS IN MY D.N.A. WHEN MY GRANDFATHER WAS BORN IN 1856 AS A

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1 SLAVE, HE HAD TWO GOALS IN HIS LIFE: TO GET AN EDUCATION AND
2 TO SERVE. AND THAT IS WHAT OUR FAMILY HAS DONE. MY GRANDFATHER
3 WAS A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER. CAN WE SAY AMEN, SUPERVISOR? MY
4 FATHER WORKED AS A DENTIST IN AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED AREA.
5 MY MOTHER WAS A SCHOOLTEACHER FOR OVER 40 YEARS. MY NOW
6 DECEASED BROTHER WAS A SOCIAL WORKER. AND AS I THINK SOME OF
7 YOU KNOW, MY SISTER SERVED AS A PUBLIC SERVANT, FIRST AS A
8 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THEN AS A FEDERAL COURT JUDGE,
9 INCLUDING CHIEF JUDGE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND IN 2014 BEGAN HER
10 THIRD CAREER AS WHEN SHE WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR BROWN TO
11 THE CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL. SO, AGAIN, I SAY THANK YOU.
12 THANK YOU, JANICE. WHEN JANICE HIRED ME IN 1994, I HAD LITTLE
13 LEGAL EXPERIENCE BUT MUCH HAIR. [LAUGHTER.] NOW I HAVE A LOT
14 OF LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND NO HAIR. [LAUGHTER.] JUST TO PUT IT IN
15 PERSPECTIVE. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO JANICE AND A.P.D. FOR
16 GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO SERVE MAN AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER. IT IS
17 NOT AN EASY JOB BUT ONE THAT BRINGS GREAT PRIDE TO ME. I'D
18 LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY COLLEAGUES. FIRST, OUR EXECUTIVE
19 SECRETARY, RACHAEL MUNOZ. STAND UP, RACHAEL. [APPLAUSE] STAND
20 UP AND SAY HI. RACHAEL IS THE STRAW THAT STIRS THE DRINK AT
21 A.P.D., AS WE ALL KNOW. AND THE QUESTION IS ASKED MANY TIMES
22 EACH DAY: WHAT DO I DO? WELL, ASK RACHAEL. TO EACH OF THE
23 SUPPORT STAFF IN I.T., IN ADMIN, OUR GREAT INVESTIGATORS, AND,
24 OF COURSE, THE LAWYERS, MY ADMIRATION FOR THE WORK THAT THEY
25 DO GOES WITHOUT SAYING, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER REJECTED THE

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1 CALL OF THE HOMELESS, THE POOR, THE DEFENSELESS AND THE
2 VOICELESS. AND TO THE EXECUTIVE STAFF, NO ONE COULD BE A
3 DECENT, GOOD CHIEF DEPUTY WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE
4 STAFF, THE DIVISION CHIEFS. I THINK YOU ALL KNOW IT'S
5 DANGEROUS TO GIVE THE FLOOR TO A LAWYER AND A MICROPHONE ON
6 TOP OF IT. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD JUST SAY THANK YOU, THANK
7 YOU, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. HERE
12 COMES NATHANIEL BOONE. LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO
13 NATHANIEL BOONE. [APPLAUSE] WELL, THIS IS A GREAT HONOR TO ME
14 TODAY TO BE IN CHARGE OF THIS RECOGNITION FOR THE ONE AND ONLY
15 NATHANIEL BOONE, WHO AFTER ONLY 46 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
16 COUNTY, NATE HAS DECIDED THAT IT'S TIME TO RETIRE. AND HE HAS
17 HIS FAMILY WITH HIM UP HERE ON THE DAIS. NATE BEGAN HIS CAREER
18 WITH L.A. COUNTY IN 1971 AS A PARKING LOT ATTENDANT FOR AUTO
19 PARK 18. BUT SOON AFTER, MY FATHER, SUPERVISOR KENNY HAHN,
20 MOVED NATE TO LOT 22, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT NATE NEEDED SOME
21 FRESH AIR AND MEETING A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CAME TO VISIT THIS
22 GREAT BUILDING. AND HE TOLD NATE AT THE TIME THAT NATE COULD
23 HAVE THAT JOB IN THAT LOT AS LONG AS HE WANTED. AND HE TOOK MY
24 FATHER UP ON THAT AND HE STAYED AS LONG AS HE WANTED.
25 [LAUGHTER.] AND NOW HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE THERE ANYMORE.

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1 [LAUGHTER.] AND SO HE'S DONE. AND WE JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE
2 YOU. WE KNOW THAT OVER THE YEARS MANY PEOPLE HAVE PARKED IN
3 LOT 22, AVERAGE PEOPLE THAT NATE ALWAYS MADE FEEL SPECIAL,
4 ALWAYS TREATED PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. EVEN SOMETIMES
5 WHEN HE TOLD PEOPLE THEY COULDN'T PARK THERE, HE STILL MADE
6 THEM FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT. BUT WE ALSO KNOW SOME VERY IMPORTANT
7 PEOPLE PULLED INTO LOT 22 AND WERE GREETED BY NATHANIEL BOONE.
8 VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE CAME INTO THAT LOT. GOVERNOR
9 PETE WILSON. TOMMY LASORDA PULLED INTO LOT 22 MUHAMMAD ALI AND
10 MAGIC JOHNSON WERE SOME OF THE FEW CELEBRITIES THAT CAME INTO
11 THE LOT. BUT EVERYONE WHO REALLY HAS HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS COME TO KNOW NATE'S LOT, HAS
13 REQUESTED A SPECIAL PASS TO PARK IN NATE'S LOT, AND HE'S
14 BECOME A CELEBRITY HIMSELF FOR WHO HE IS AND HOW HE TREATED
15 PEOPLE. AND AS I SAID EARLIER IN A LITTLE RECEPTION THAT WE
16 HAD FOR HIM, NATHANIEL BOONE MADE HIS CORNER OF THE WORLD
17 SPECIAL. HE USED HIS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN A PARKING LOT TO
18 HUMOR PEOPLE, TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL GOOD NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF
19 DAY THEY WERE HAVING. NATE MADE THEM FEEL POSITIVE. AND I KNOW
20 FOR ME, EVEN BEFORE I BECAME A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, I PULLED INTO
21 THAT LOT AND ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS OKAY IF I PARKED
22 THERE, AND NATE ALWAYS CALLED ME JANE FONDA. [LAUGHTER.] JANE
23 FONDA, OF COURSE YOU CAN PARK IN HERE. SEE? SHARON STONE. YES.
24 [LAUGHTER.] YEAH? RIGHT? SO, WE GOT IN THERE BECAUSE OF OUR
25 CELEBRITINESS. VERY SPECIAL. AND THEN HE TOLD ME AFTER THE

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1 BUILDING WAS CHANGED TO REFLECT MY FATHER'S NAME, THEN OF
2 COURSE HE WOULD LET ME PARK IN THERE. HE SAID, "YOUR NAME'S ON
3 THE BUILDING. OF COURSE YOU CAN PARK HERE." BUT HE'S SUCH A
4 SPECIAL PERSON. WE WILL MISS HIM HERE. BUT THIS IS A
5 RETIREMENT THAT IS WELL DESERVED. AND WE WISH HIM SO MUCH
6 HAPPINESS IN HIS LIFE AND HOPE THAT EVERYWHERE FROM NOW ON
7 THAT HE WANTS TO PARK, THAT SOMEBODY WILL TREAT HIM AND HIS
8 FAMILY WITH THE SAME KIND OF RESPECT AND DIGNITY THAT HE GAVE
9 OUT SO GENEROUSLY HIS LIFE. I AM VERY THRILLED TO HAVE SOME OF
10 MY FAMILY HERE TODAY. MY BROTHER, JUDGE JAMES HAHN, IS HERE,
11 AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR
12 EXPERIENCE AS A FAMILY WITH NATHANIEL BOONE.

13

14 **JUDGE JAMES HAHN:** I WASN'T PREPARED.

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16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** COME ON. YOU'RE A HAHN.

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18 **JUDGE JAMES HAHN:** I KNOW. POLITICIANS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, I
19 GUESS, TO SPEAK HERE. MR. BOONE, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
20 ALL THE COURTESIES THAT YOU'VE SHOWN TO ME AND MEMBERS OF THE
21 HAHN FAMILY, AND, AS JANICE MENTIONED, TO ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE
22 WHO WERE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO BE GREETED BY YOU AND BE ABLE
23 TO PARK IN LOT 22. WHENEVER I WOULD COME UP THERE, YOU WOULD
24 ALWAYS SAY, "PARK UP THERE, BE A SUPERVISOR, ON THE TOP ROW."
25 SO I HAD TO BE A SUPERVISOR FOR A DAY EVERY TIME I PULLED INTO

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1 YOUR LOT. MY SISTER ACTUALLY GOT TO BE A SUPERVISOR, SO THAT
2 TURNED OUT TO BE PRETTY PROPHETIC. AND I JUST, I'M SO HAPPY TO
3 BE HERE TODAY. ALL THE KINDNESSES YOU SHOWED TO ME TODAY, I
4 WANTED TO MAKE SURE I TOOK THE DAY OFF TO COME HERE AND
5 CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR RETIREMENT.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YOU GOT TO PARK IN NATE'S LOT, LOT 22?

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9 **JUDGE JAMES HAHN:** I GOT TO PARK IN NATE'S LOT, LOT 22. THANK
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **NATHANIEL BOONE:** I'LL GIVE THE HONOR TO MY LORD JESUS CHRIST
13 AND REMEMBER MY WIFE, RUBY JEAN, AND TO KING MARK RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS' QUEEN, CAPTAIN BARGER AND QUEEN JANICE HAHN AND QUEEN
15 SHEILA KUEHL AND MISS SACI, MANY TIMES THE C.E.O., THE COUNTY
16 AND ALL THAT I MISSED, IF I MISSED ANYONE. AND MY LEADERS. THE
17 COUNTY MADE A MISTAKE IN HIRING ME ON SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1970, BUT
18 IT DIDN'T LAST. AND I HAD MY FAMILY WITH ME TODAY, AND JESUS
19 DID IT. I COULD NEVER DO IT. I WORKED 72 YEARS. IF I THOUGHT
20 ABOUT IT, I WOULD FAINT, BUT THE LORD DID IT. [APPLAUSE] AND I
21 WOULD USE THE ADMONITION: STAND UP TO BE SEEN, SPEAK UP TO BE
22 HEARD, AND SIT DOWN TO BE APPRECIATED. [LAUGHTER.] AND THE
23 GRAND FINALE, I'LL TAKE GENERAL MACARTHUR'S WORDS: OLD
24 SOLDIERS NEVER DIE; THEY JUST FADE AWAY. I'M GOING TO MISS MY
25 LEADERS IN CITY HALL, SCOTT AND EVERYBODY ELSE. THANK YOU,

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1 THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT. [APPLAUSE] I HAVE MY
2 GRANDSON JEROD. HE CAN GET TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND. IF YOU WANT
3 TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND, HE'LL GET YOU TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND. I
4 HAVE MY SON-IN-LAW CHUCK, AND HE DRIVES A BIG COCA-COLA TRUCK
5 AND HE HAS COCA-COLA. MY SON PHILLIP BOONE IS A STATE POLICE
6 SERGENT AND MY SON -- BOONE IS A COUNTY SHERIFF. AND MY
7 GRANDSON JASON, HE DID DISNEYLAND AND ALL THAT, TOO. AND THEN
8 MY DAUGHTER CARMELITA, SHE'S A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER AND HER
9 HUSBAND, COCA-COLA, AND MY GRANDSON CHAD AND MY GRANDDAUGHTER
10 LELA, AND SHE'S AN ONTARIO COUNTY NURSE AND HER HUSBAND'S A
11 BRAIN SURGEON. MY GRANDDAUGHTER, AND SHE'S AN ONTARIO FIRE AND
12 POLICE DISPATCHER.

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND THAT'S YOUR SON TIM.

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16 **NATHANIEL BOONE:** YEAH, YEAH, YEAH. AND YOUR FATHER, HE WOULD
17 HEAR YOUR PROBLEM AND SOLVE IT. IT WASN'T LIKE SOMEBODY
18 WOULDN'T. AND HE'S LOOKING DOWN TODAY FROM HEAVEN. AND YOUR
19 MOTHER, WHO I KNEW MORE, AND JOHN AND ALL THOSE, THEY ARE ALL
20 LOOKING DOWN. AND WHEN YOU WERE SWORN IN, HE WAS HERE THAT
21 DAY, AND YOU HAD TEARS AND YOU HELD THE HAND, BECAUSE I USED
22 TO WALK HER TO SCHOOL, AND NOW SHE'S A SUPERVISOR AND THE
23 SUPERVISOR WOULD WALK YOU, YEAH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARTER:** ALL RIGHT. IT IS MY HONOR TODAY TO
2 RECOGNIZE OUR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO, THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE
3 LAST FEW WEEKS, HAVE TRULY HAD THEIR WORK CUT OUT IN FRONT OF
4 THEM. SO I WANT TO GIVE OUR COUNTY, CITY, VENTURA CITY, CAL
5 FIRE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BEING
6 HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE] THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HAVE BEEN VERY
7 DIFFICULT FOR MANY OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE RYE FIRE IN
8 SANTA CLARITA, THE CREEK FIRE IN SYLMAR THAT IMPACTED OUR
9 KAGEL COMMUNITY AND MANY OTHERS WITHIN LOS ANGELES, ALONG WITH
10 THE SKIRBALL FIRE, WHICH HAVE CHALLENGED OUR COMMUNITIES AND
11 FIRST RESPONDERS. IN ADDITION, SAN DIEGO HAS BEEN HIT HARD,
12 AND, OF COURSE, WE ARE ALL STILL CLOSELY WATCHING THE THOMAS
13 FIRE. WE HAVE WITH US INCIDENT COMMAND TEAMS ALONG WITH A FEW
14 OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS THAT WERE IN THE FRONT LINES FIGHTING THE
15 RYE, CREEK AND SKIRBALL FIRES. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR OWN
16 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF OSBY AND HIS CREW, AS WELL
17 AS THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, CAL FIRE, THE U.S.
18 FOREST SERVICE, AND VENTURA COUNTY FIRE. IN ADDITION, THE
19 MANAGEMENT OF THESE FIRES WOULD NOT HAVE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT
20 OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LOS
21 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL.
22 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP. WE HAVE HEARD MANY STORIES
23 OF BRAVERY. ONE IN PARTICULAR THAT IS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE NEWS
24 WAS THE FAST WORK OF L.A. COUNTY FIRE CAPTAIN MILLER AND CHIEF
25 MCCORMICK, WHO WORKED TO SAVE A HORSE THAT HAD BEEN TRAPPED

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1 BETWEEN A BLOCK WALL AND HOUSE WITH FIRE NEARBY. THERE WAS NO
2 TIME TO WAIT FOR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SO THEY USED EVERYTHING AT
3 THEIR DISPOSAL TO BREAK DOWN THE WALL TO RESCUE THE HORSE. IN
4 ADDITION, THERE WAS A MASSIVE FIREFIGHT AT THE WILDLIFE
5 WAYSTATION, WHERE FIREFIGHTERS STAYED ON THE PROPERTY BATTLING
6 THE BLAZE FOR 24 HOURS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND ANIMALS FROM
7 THE 30-FOOT FLAMES RAGING THROUGH THE PROPERTY. THESE STORIES
8 ARE A FRACTION OF THE HEROISM AND BRAVERY EXHIBITED BY OUR
9 FIRST RESPONDERS. WE KNOW THAT THESE WIND-DRIVEN FIRES ARE
10 FAST MOVING AND INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS. THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHAT
11 YOU ALL DO IS UNDERSCORED BY THE TRAGIC LOSS OF CAL FIRE
12 ENGINEER CORY IVERSON. WE WILL BE ADJOURNING IN HIS MEMORY
13 TODAY. BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH
14 HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS THE CAL FIRE FAMILY. I WANT TO THANK
15 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT PROTECTING OUR
16 COMMUNITIES. I WAS THERE WITH YOU FOR A BRIEF MOMENT AT THE
17 COMMAND POST AND APPRECIATE HOW YOU ALL CAME TOGETHER FROM
18 NUMEROUS AGENCIES BOTH IN THE FIELD AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
19 INCIDENT. I APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND YOUR
20 DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE LIVES AND
21 PROPERTIES OF OTHERS AT THE RISK OF YOUR OWN LIVES. AND I ALSO
22 WANT TO THANK YOUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE IN THIS
23 THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. AND I KNOW THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
24 YOU GAVE UP MUCH OF YOUR TIME. AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I DON'T
25 KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AS WELL?

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, A LOT OF TIMES WHEN WE

3 THANK AND HONOR PEOPLE HERE ON THE BOARD, IT'S THE FIRST TIME

4 YOU'VE EVER HEARD OF THEM OR YOU SAY, "OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL

5 STORY." THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS

6 SERVICE. THE WORLD HAS BEEN WATCHING THE RESPONSE TO THE FIRES

7 IN CALIFORNIA AND, INDEED, ATTEMPTING TO LEARN FROM SOME OF

8 THE REALLY FINE WORK DONE BY THESE COMBINED FORCES. BUT THE

9 TRUTH IS IT'S ABOUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

10 REPRESENTED BY THE MEN AND WOMEN YOU SEE HERE. THEY HAVE BEEN

11 PITCHING IN IN OTHER STATES, IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THROUGH

12 EARTHQUAKES, THROUGH FLOODS, THROUGH HURRICANES, AND NOW IT

13 ALL COMES BACK TO HOME. IT'S BEEN AN ENDLESS LOOP OF SLEEPLESS

14 NIGHTS AND DANGEROUS SITUATIONS AND, YOU KNOW, RISKS TO

15 HEALTH, AND COURAGE, COURAGE, COURAGE. SO THIS IS WHY WE WANT

16 TO THANK THEM TODAY AND EVERYONE THEY REPRESENT IN ALL OF

17 THESE AGENCIES. THIS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS AND YET SOME OF THE

18 MOST IMPORTANT WORK DONE FOR US YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR

19 AFTER YEAR. KATHRYN AND I JOIN TOGETHER TO THANK YOU, BECAUSE

20 OFTEN THE WORK IS, IN THE COUNTY, IS IN THE FIFTH AND IN THE

21 THIRD, BECAUSE OF THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIES. BUT WE ALL THANK

22 YOU. ALL 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY, THE PEOPLE IN

23 VENTURA WHO ARE, SOME OF WHOM ARE HOMELESS AND EVACUATED RIGHT

24 NOW, AND ALL OF THOSE AROUND THE WORLD AND THE COUNTRY THAT

25 YOU'VE HELPED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I ALSO WANT TO -- I WANT TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE ELAINE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO ACTUALLY WAS PART
4 OF THE SKIRBALL FIRE AND CAME UP TO ME IN THE ELEVATOR AND
5 SAID IF THEY'RE HERE TODAY, I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK
6 ESPECIALLY L.A. CITY FIRE FOR SAVING HER HOME. WHILE SHE WAS
7 EVACUATED, SHE SAW FIRSTHAND ON THE LINE, AND SO SHE'S OUT
8 HERE IN THE AUDIENCE. SO, I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT,
9 ELAINE. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF
10 OSBY, DEPUTY CHIEF VINCE PENA, AND DEPUTY CHIEF ANTHONY
11 MARONEY, AND FIRE STATION 74, WHICH WAS IN KAGEL CANYON, WHICH
12 REALLY WAS AT GROUND ZERO WHEN THIS FIRE HIT. ALSO L.A. CITY
13 FIRE ASSISTANT CHIEF ANDREW FOX AND BATTALION CHIEF ALBERT
14 WARD, UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST
15 CHIEF ROBERT GARCIA, BATTALION CHIEF CHRISTOPHER ST. PIERRE,
16 BATTALION CHIEF RODNEY GILROY. ALSO CAL FIRE CHIEF GLENN
17 BARLEY, CHIEF DAVID FULCHER, AND CHIEF SHANE LITTLEFIELD. FROM
18 VENTURA COUNTY FIRE, CHIEF STEVEN FRANCIS. ALSO FROM LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN STEDMAN AND
20 CAPTAIN LEONARD MCCRAY, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT WERE ON THE
21 FIRST LINE HELPING, AND FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
22 COMMANDER DENNIS KATO. SO I WANT YOU ALL TO GIVE THEM A BIG
23 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE. [APPLAUSE] AND THEN,
24 CHIEF OSBY?

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1 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN
2 PUBLIC SERVICE, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT ROUND OF
3 APPLAUSE. I'M DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
4 DEPARTMENT. ONCE AGAIN, TO OUR HONORABLE CHAIR, TO HONORABLE
5 BOARD, AND IN PARTICULAR THIS MORNING, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
6 RECOGNIZING THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT WERE COMBATTING THESE
7 FIRES, AND WE STILL HAVE THE FIRE IN VENTURA COUNTY. AS I
8 STAND HERE, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND KUEHL TOOK ALL MY SPEAKING
9 POINTS. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I WANT TO PERSONALLY -- I KNOW I WAS
10 TALKING TO MOST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THIS FIRE
11 SIEGE. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE
12 EACH AND EVERY DAY SHE CAME OUT TO THE INCIDENT, MORNING AND
13 EVENING, TO GET BRIEFED AND SHOWED A GENUINE CONCERN IN
14 RELATION TO THE MEN AND WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINES. AND THEN WE
15 ALWAYS APPRECIATED HER OUT THERE, BECAUSE EVERY DAY SHE HAD A
16 DIFFERENT FASHION STATEMENT. [LAUGHTER.] SO, WE WANT TO THANK
17 THANK HER FOR THAT. BUT I THINK THAT WHEN YOU SEE THE MEN AND
18 WOMEN BEHIND ME, THE RELATIONSHIPS DIDN'T JUST BEGIN THE DAY
19 OF THE INCIDENT. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE MEET, WE TRAIN, WE
20 HAVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, VOLUNTEER,
21 INDIAN BUREAU, LAND MANAGEMENT, CONTIGUOUS STATES FOR THESE
22 TYPES OF INCIDENTS. AND WHEN WE HAVE THESE MAJOR INCIDENTS,
23 THERE'S NOT ONE ENTITY IN THE COUNTRY THAT CAN HANDLE IT BY
24 THEMSELVES. SO, AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE FIRE SERVICE AND PUBLIC
25 SAFETY, IT'S AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE IN RELATION TO THESE MAJOR

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1 INCIDENTS. AND MY MUTUAL PARTNERS BEHIND ME IS JUST A
2 TESTAMENT OF THAT MUTUAL RESPONSE AND THE RELATIONSHIPS. AS I
3 STAND HERE TODAY, I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS THAT
4 ARE NOT HERE. FOR OUR DEPARTMENT ALONE, WE HAD ABOUT TWO-
5 THIRDS OF OUR DEPARTMENT COMMITTED TO VENTURA OR THE INCIDENTS
6 IN L.A. COUNTY OR L.A. CITY. BUT WE HAD OVER 1,000 PEOPLE AT
7 HOME BEHIND THE SCENES, OUR MECHANICS, OUR DISPATCHERS, OUR
8 BUSINESS OPERATIONS PERSONNEL STILL RUNNING THE DEPARTMENT,
9 BECAUSE THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRE SIEGE, WE STILL HAD 1,200
10 CALLS AT HOME FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE. SO, A HUGE TESTAMENT OUT
11 TO THEM. RIGHT NOW, WE STILL HAVE OVER 500 PEOPLE ON THE
12 THOMAS FIRE. WE'RE DOING CREW ROTATION, AND THE REST OF OUR
13 CREWS WILL BE OUT THERE FOR CHRISTMAS. BUT MY SPECIAL THOUGHTS
14 AND HEART GOES OUT TO ENGINEER CORY IVERSON THAT WAS MENTIONED
15 BY THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND BARGER, BECAUSE AS
16 FIREFIGHTERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS, WE ALL TOOK AN OATH.
17 WE ALL TOOK AN OATH TO PROTECT AND SERVE. AND AS A FIRE CHIEF
18 AND AS LEADERS, OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO GET OUR PEOPLE TO
19 INCIDENTS QUICKLY AND TO GET THEM HOME SAFELY. AND IN THIS
20 SITUATION, CORY DIDN'T MAKE IT BACK HOME, BUT HE TOOK AN OATH
21 TO PROTECT AND SERVE, AND HE SERVED OUR REGION VERY HONORABLY.
22 SO, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY. AND IN
23 CONCLUSION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND BARGER, THANK YOU TODAY FOR
24 THIS RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

25

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. TODAY I AM PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE
2 RECIPIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
3 ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARDS. CURRENTLY THERE ARE MORE THAN 36,000
4 CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
5 SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION IS TO ENSURE THAT THESE
6 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AFFORDED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL AND
7 THRIVE AS ADULTS. THE ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM FOR FOSTER YOUTH
8 STARTED MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN BASED ON THREE
9 PRINCIPLES: ONE, EMPHASIZING THE VALUE OF EDUCATION, TWO,
10 IMPROVING CONFIDENCE, AND, THREE, INSPIRING THESE STUDENTS TO
11 FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE THESE HIGH ACHIEVERS
12 IN THE ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM. FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT
13 RECEIVING THE BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ARE: JASMINE
14 MAJEYA. JASMINE IS A SOPHOMORE AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE
15 STUDYING CHILD DEVELOPMENT WITH A GOAL OF BECOMING A TEACHER.
16 SHE IS A ROLE MODEL FOR CHILDREN IN HER COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION
17 TO HER STUDIES, SHE IS A D.C.F.S. CELEBRATION ONE PARTICIPANT,
18 EMPLOYED AS A BABYSITTER AND ASSISTS IN ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES
19 FOR THE YOUTH GROUP AT HER CHURCH. WHEN SHE COMPLETES HER
20 STUDIES AT P.C.C., SHE PLANS TO TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR
21 UNIVERSITY. CONGRATULATIONS, JASMINE. [APPLAUSE] ALSO SANDRA
22 RAY. SANDRA RAY. SANDRA RAY IS A SOPHOMORE AT CALIFORNIA STATE
23 UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE MAJORS IN SOCIAL WORK. SHE
24 HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE D.C.F.S. CELEBRATION ONE PROGRAM AND
25 IS THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE. SHE'S A TIRELESS

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1 ADVOCATE FOR FOSTER YOUTH. WHILE PURSUING HER EDUCATION, SHE'S
2 WORKED IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE.
3 CONGRATULATIONS, SANDRA. [APPLAUSE] AND NOW SHEREXIS. SHEREXIS
4 GUARDLY. SHEREXIS IS AN AVID SCHOLAR. REGARDLESS OF THE MANY
5 CHALLENGES HE HAS FACED, HE HAS WORKED HARD TO EARN HIGH
6 GRADES AND ATTEND ALL HIS CLASSES ON A REGULAR BASIS. HE KNOWS
7 THAT HIS EDUCATION IS A VITAL COMPONENT IN HIS JOURNEY TO
8 BECOME A SUCCESSFUL ADULT, AS EXPERIENCED BY HIS BRIGHT
9 FUTURE. CONGRATULATIONS. AND THE LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE HAVE
10 SABRINA TREBISNO, WHO CANNOT BE HERE, BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU A
11 LITTLE ABOUT HER. WE HAVE MS. VALERIE WOODS FROM FROM THE
12 DEPARTMENT WHO IS HERE TO ACCEPT THE SCROLL ON HER BEHALF.
13 SABRINA IS AN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AT QUARTZ HILL HIGH SCHOOL.
14 SHE HAS OVERCOME PERSONAL CHALLENGES AND WORKED HARD TO EARN
15 HER SPOT ON THE HONOR ROLL AND HER 3.9 OVERALL GRADE POINT
16 AVERAGE. WHEN SHE IS NOT ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARD HER GOAL OF
17 ATTENDING A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY, SHE ENJOYS TAKING CARE OF
18 HER PETS AND TRAVELING. I WANT YOU ALL TO GIVE THESE YOUNG
19 PEOPLE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
20 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO PRESENT THE AWARD TO HIS
21 SECOND DISTRICT RECIPIENT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ALTHOUGH NOT ABLE
24 TO JOIN US TODAY, I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A BIT ABOUT HIM.
25 HIS NAME IS JOSE MONTOYA AYALA, AND JOSE IS A BRIGHT YOUNG MAN

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1 WHO ENJOYS LEARNING. CURRENTLY AN EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT, JOSE
2 KNOWS IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR COLLEGE. SO, GET THIS.
3 WHILE MANY OF HIS CLASSMATES ARE THINKING ABOUT ENTERING HIGH
4 SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, JOSE IS CONTEMPLATING CLASSES AT A LOCAL
5 COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR EXTRA CREDIT OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
6 FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE WHEN HE GRADUATES WITH HIS HIGH
7 SCHOOL DIPLOMA. I THINK THAT'S THINKING AHEAD. AND BEYOND
8 MAINTAINING GOOD GRADES, JOSE IS A LEADER AT HIS SCHOOL. HE IS
9 A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY COUNCIL, AND HE PLAYS
10 ON THE HOCKEY TEAM. JOSE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF
11 DEVELOPING HEALTHY HOBBIES AND BEING WELL-ROUNDED. SO IN
12 ADDITION TO ALL THAT HE DOES AT SCHOOL, HE FINDS TIME TO DO
13 THE THINGS THAT HE LOVES. THAT INCLUDES COOKING, READING,
14 WATCHING MOVIES AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS OTHER SIBLINGS. SO
15 I WANT TO SAY TODAY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, JOSE, AS YOU
16 RECEIVE AN ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARD FOR BEST ACADEMIC
17 ACHIEVEMENT. AND WE WISH HIM AND HIS FAMILY THE BEST, AND
18 SPECIFICALLY, JOSE, WE WISH YOU THE BEST AS YOU PURSUE YOUR
19 ACADEMIC CAREER AS A MIDDLE SCHOOLER, AS A HIGH SCHOOLER, AS A
20 COLLEGE STUDENT, AND WELL BEYOND. BEST WISHES TO JOSE FOR ALL
21 HE DOES. GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU?

22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, CHAIRPERSON KUEHL?

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M NOT CERTAIN
2 WHETHER CANANI SHAW IS HERE OR WAS ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. I
3 DON'T SEE ANYONE JUMPING UP AND RUNNING FORWARD. YES? OH,
4 GOOD. EXCELLENT. I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S THIRD
5 DISTRICT ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARD TO 17-YEAR-OLD CANANI SHAW.
6 SHE'S A SENIOR AT SYLMAR HIGH SCHOOL. WHEN LIFE THROWS US
7 LEMONS, SOMETIMES DETERMINATION, HARD WORK AND MAYBE EVEN A
8 LITTLE LUCK HELP US TURN IT INTO LEMONADE. SHE'S ONE OF THOSE
9 AMAZING, DETERMINED AND HARD WORKING INDIVIDUALS. SHE'S
10 DEMONSTRATED REAL GRIT AND RESILIENCE, QUALITIES THAT WILL
11 SERVE HER WELL THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. SHE FACED SOME CHALLENGES
12 IN THE HOME OF HER BIRTH MOTHER, BUT AFTER BEING PLACED WITH
13 HER PATERNAL AUNT, HER GRADES IMPROVED AND SHE MADE IT ON TO
14 THE HONOR ROLL AT SYLMAR HIGH WITH A 3.5 G.P.A. LAST YEAR.
15 [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT. BIG ROUND APPLAUSE, OKAY? [APPLAUSE]
16 THAT'S HIGH. THIS SEMESTER SHE'S TAKING TWO A.P. CLASSES. SHE
17 PLANS TO STUDY BIOLOGY AND ECONOMICS SO THAT SHE CAN HELP AT-
18 RISK YOUTH WHO HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO MEDICAL RESOURCES.
19 PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING OUR THIRD DISTRICT ENRICHMENT
20 PLUS AWARD WINNER CANANI SHAW. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF
25 INTRODUCING OUR AWARDEE REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND

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1 I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE IARIQUE GARCIA RECEIVING THE BEST
2 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. IARIQUE IS IN THE 12TH GRADE AT
3 FREEMONT ACADEMY IN POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THROUGHOUT
4 HER SCHOOLING, SHE HAS CHALLENGED HERSELF ACADEMICALLY AND HAS
5 BEEN ENROLLED IN ALL HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES.
6 SHE HAS ALSO DEVELOPED A COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB TO HELP THE
7 HOMELESS IN POMONA AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE LATINO CLUB AT HER
8 SCHOOL. SHE HAS ASPIRATIONS OF BECOMING A PHYSICIAN'S
9 ASSISTANT AND WILL BE APPLYING TO VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES
10 INCLUDING U.C. RIVERSIDE, STANFORD AND HARVARD. SHE IS A
11 POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR HER SIBLINGS AND WILL MAKE A
12 DIFFERENCE IN HER COMMUNITY AND HAS ALREADY SHOWN PROOF OF
13 THAT. WE APPLAUD HER AND WE CONGRATULATE HER THIS VERY
14 MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I KNOW YOUR
17 RECIPIENT COULD NOT ATTEND, BUT I THINK YOU WANT THE SAY A FEW
18 WORDS?

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I DO. I DO. I WANT TO PUT THIS INTO THE
21 RECORD. THIS IS SUCH AN AMAZING PRESENTATION, AND I'M SO
22 INSPIRED BY HOW WELL EVERYONE HAS DONE. REALLY, THIS IS A
23 GREAT END OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION. IT GIVES US ALL A GREAT
24 INSPIRATION FOR OUR OWN LIVES, REALLY WATCHING ALL OF YOU
25 YOUNG PEOPLE. SO I WANTED TO READ INTO THE RECORD BRIANNA

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1 SANTANA, WHO'S NOT HERE, BUT SHE IS A RECIPIENT OF THE
2 IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. BRIANNA IS IN THE NINTH
3 GRADE AT CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL IN WHITTIER, WHERE SHE'S SHOWN
4 TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN ACADEMICS. SHE'S WORKED HARD TO
5 IMPROVE HER STUDYING SKILLS AND IMPROVE HER GRADES. SHE
6 CURRENTLY HAS A 3.0 G.P.A. AND IS PREPARING TO FINISH THE
7 SEMESTER STRONG. HER BIRTH MOTHER IS INVOLVED IN HER LIFE AND
8 ENSURES THAT BRIANNA STAYS ON TOP OF HER GRADES. ALTHOUGH
9 HAVING DEALT WITH OBSTACLES AT A YOUNG AGE, BRIANNA HAS BEEN
10 ABLE TO PERSEVERE AND CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING
11 HER GOALS AND DREAMS. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK, BRIANNA. YOU
12 HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU. AND WE HAVE A SCROLL THAT
13 WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE TO DISPLAY PROUDLY. THANK YOU
14 FOR MAKING US ALL PROUD TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE
17 PARENTS, RELATIVES AND FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE GUIDANCE
18 AND MOTIVATION THAT THEY HAVE GRANTED TODAY'S AWARDEE
19 RECIPIENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. WE
20 ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVEE, AND
21 THAT I CAN'T EMPHASIZE THAT TOO MUCH. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU
22 ALL. AND NOW I WOULD LIKE OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND
23 FAMILY SERVICES, BOBBY CAGLE, TO COME AND SAY A FEW WORDS.

24

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1 **BOBBY CAGLE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WANT TO SAY THIS
2 MORNING THAT I'M VERY, VERY PROUD OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. IF YOU
3 THINK ABOUT HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO ACHIEVE IN ACADEMICS AS A
4 STUDENT, THINK ABOUT THAT IN TERMS OF CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN
5 FOSTER HOMES, CHILDREN WHO HAVE CHALLENGES THAT ARE WELL
6 BEYOND THOSE THAT ARE EXPERIENCED BY ANY OTHER STUDENT IN OUR
7 COUNTRY. AND THEN THINK ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO ACHIEVE AS
8 THESE STUDENTS HAVE. THAT IS THE REASON THAT I'M SO VERY PROUD
9 OF THEM. AND I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF ALSO AND THE FOSTER
10 PARENTS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH THEM IN ORDER TO HELP THEM
11 ACHIEVE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING THEM TO THE
12 BOARD, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY AFTER THIS.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND NOW, LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, I
16 WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO JACK AND SOPHIA. THIS IS
17 SOPHIA. OH, SOPHIA'S A THREE-YEAR-OLD MINIATURE PINSCHER AND
18 CHIHUAHUA. OH, I KNOW. AND SOPHIA'S BROTHER IS JACK RIGHT
19 HERE. OKAY. JACK. IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT JACK OR SOPHIA, YOU CAN
20 CALL THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE SHELTER AT 562-728- 4610 AND OFFER
21 THEM A FOREVER HOME. HERE, GRAB. JACK'S GOING TO JUMP. THEY
22 ARE LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES, AND IF NOT JACK AND SOPHIA, WE
23 HAVE MANY, MANY, MANY THAT ARE UP FOR ADOPTION. AND THEY ARE
24 WONDERFUL. OKAY, READY? AND THEN, SHEILA, WE'VE GOT A KITTY.
25 GOT A KITTY. THIS IS ANDY. ANDY IS A TWO-MONTH-OLD MALE

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1 DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR. AGAIN, AVAILABLE AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER
2 562-728-4610. AND ANDY IS GETTING A LITTLE -- WANTS TO GET
3 OUT.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** READY? THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** IT'S A PLEASURE ALWAYS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** TODAY'S A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION FOR MANY OF
12 US REPRESENTING THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY AND THE
13 COLLEGE, E.L.A.C., AS WE KNOW IT. TODAY WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE A
14 LONGTIME FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY BUT ALSO TO OUR OFFICE AND TO
15 THE MANY, MANY PEOPLE THAT SHE HAS PROVIDED SERVICE TO. OLGA
16 BARNES IS OUR FRIEND, OUR SISTER, OUR COMADRE. FOR 45 YEARS,
17 SHE HAS DEDICATED HER SERVICE TO L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE
18 DISTRICT. THE MAJORITY OF HER YEARS WERE SPENT AT E.L.A.C.,
19 EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. AFTER GRADUATING FROM GARFIELD HIGH
20 SCHOOL IN 1971, SHE ENROLLED THERE AT E.L.A.C. AND SHORTLY
21 THEREAFTER BECAME A STUDENT WORKER AT THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.
22 THROUGHOUT HER CAREER AT E.L.A.C., SHE WORKED AT SEVERAL
23 OFFICES, WHICH INCLUDED THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
24 ADMIN, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND THEN AGAIN THE PRESIDENT'S
25 OFFICE. OLGA HAS WORKED FOR FOUR DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS DURING

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1 HER TENURE AT THE COLLEGE AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
2 COORDINATING COUNTLESS DISTRICT AND CAMPUS EVENTS. SHE HAS
3 USED HER EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP TO HELP MENTOR STUDENTS AND
4 STAFF. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, OLGA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST
5 HELPFUL INDIVIDUALS THAT I HAVE MET ON THAT CAMPUS. FROM MY
6 TIME AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND NOW AS A MEMBER OF THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OLGA HAS ALWAYS BEEN INCREDIBLY
8 SUPPORTIVE. HER KINDNESS AND WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ANY
9 ASSISTANCE WHEN WE NEEDED IT WAS SOMETHING THAT I CHERISHED AS
10 WELL AS MY STAFF. WE WILL MISS HER. JUST RECENTLY SHE HELPED
11 US PUT ON A GRAND PERFORMANCE WITH THE L.A. PHIL AT E.L.A.C.
12 THAT HADN'T BEEN DONE IN 23 YEARS. AND I'M SO HAPPY THAT SHE
13 WAS A PART OF IT. SHE MADE IT A SUCCESS. SO TODAY WE HONOR HER
14 AND HER FAMILY. THANK YOU, OLGA BARNES, FOR EVERYTHING THAT
15 YOU'VE DONE. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **OLGA BARNES:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS
18 GREAT RECOGNITION TODAY. I AM SPEECHLESS. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR
19 AND A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR ALL THESE
20 YEARS. AND I MUST SAY, I AM SOLELY DEDICATED TO EAST LOS
21 ANGELES COLLEGE. IT IS ONE OF THE NINE COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN
22 OUR DISTRICT, BUT E.L.A.C.'S THE BEST. I'M SORRY. I'VE BEEN
23 THERE FOR 45 YEARS, AND I JUST LOVE EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE.
24 I LOVE THE COMMUNITY. I LOVE THE STUDENTS. AND I LOVE ALL OF
25 THE COMMUNITY PEOPLE THAT WE WORK WITH TODAY, AND THAT'S ONE

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1 THING I WILL MISS. BUT IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO
2 WORK FOR EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. AND ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU
3 SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS RECOGNITION TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU DESERVE HAVE IT. WELL DESERVED.

6 [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS. THIS
9 MORNING, I WANTED TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION A TREMENDOUS
10 EFFORT THAT TOOK PLACE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, IN CONJUNCTION,
11 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TELEMUNDO, AND OUR OFFICE OF
12 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT DIFFERENT
13 DEPARTMENTS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF O.I.A. HELPED TO PUT
14 TOGETHER A TELETHON THAT AIRED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER THE 7TH.
15 I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT TELETHON, AND THE
16 PURPOSE WAS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THEIR RIGHTS. KNOWING
17 YOUR RIGHTS IN L.A. COUNTY TELETHON. AND I THOUGHT AT FIRST,
18 WHO'S GOING TO WATCH THIS? IT'S A THURSDAY NIGHT. PEOPLE ARE
19 GOING TO WATCH FOOTBALL. BOY, WAS I WRONG. RIGO REYES AND HIS
20 TEAM OF THE COUNTY OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS ALONG WITH THE
21 WORKING GROUP COMPRISED OF SEVERAL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
22 PLANNED THE TELETHON OVER SEVERAL WEEKS. THE PURPOSE OF THE
23 TELETHON WAS TO PROMOTE L.A. COUNTY SERVICES THAT ARE
24 AVAILABLE TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES BUT INCLUDING ALL THE
25 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE EVENT WITH WELL

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1 OVER 40 COUNTY STAFF FROM NINE DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
2 AND L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT PARTICIPATED. I WOULD
3 LIKE TO QUICKLY RECOGNIZE THE DEPARTMENTS THAT PARTICIPATED:
4 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, COUNTY COUNSEL, PUBLIC HEALTH,
5 HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
6 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND THE OFFICE OF
7 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS. AND OF COURSE, WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT
8 WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF N.B.C. AND TELEMUNDO FOR ALLOWING US TO
9 HAVE A LIVE, WHAT I CALL PERFORMANCE RIGHT THERE IN THE
10 STUDIO. THE TELETHON WAS THE NUMBER-ONE NEWSCAST FROM 5 P.M.
11 IN THE EVENING TO 6:30 P.M. AND OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THE
12 STAFF HERE BEHIND ME ANSWERED OVER 3,700 CALLS. CAN YOU
13 IMAGINE THAT? PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY IS UP TO AND
14 HOW THE COUNTY CAN SERVE THEM. IT WAS CRUCIAL THAT WE PROVIDE
15 THE SUPPORT TO OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
16 THE COUNTY IS HOME, AS YOU KNOW, TO 3.5 MILLION IMMIGRANTS,
17 AND MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE ARE CHILDREN. IMMIGRANTS, AS YOU
18 KNOW, PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE COUNTY AND ARE AN ESSENTIAL
19 PART OF OUR IDENTITY AND OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING HERE IN LOS
20 ANGELES. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE TYPES OF
21 EFFORTS, AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK RIGO REYES FROM THE
22 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR GOOD
23 FRIENDS AT TELEMUNDO AND N.B.C. AND, OF COURSE, THE COUNTY
24 STAFF BEHIND ME. SO AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK RIGO REYES TO
25 PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS.

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1

2 **RIGO REYES:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, HONORABLE BOARD
3 FOR RECOGNIZING THIS, A TRULY DEDICATED TEAM OF COUNTY
4 EMPLOYEES WHO FOR TWO HOURS NONSTOP ANSWERED THOSE PHONES,
5 GETTING IN OUR FAMILIES' HOMES, TELLING THEM ABOUT THE
6 SERVICES THE COUNTY HAS FOR THEM: HOUSING, IMMIGRATION,
7 MINIMUM WAGE, HEALTHCARE. AND TO BE THE HIGHEST-RATED NEWSCAST
8 IN SPITE OF THE TRAGEDY, THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE WORST NIGHTS
9 WHEN THE FIRES WERE GOING ON, IS A TRUE TESTAMENT TO HOW MUCH
10 OUR RESIDENTS NEED OUR COUNTY SERVICES. AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL
11 TO N.B.C. AND TELEMUNDO FOR ALLOWING US TO BE THERE, TO GET IN
12 THE HOMES OF ALL THESE FAMILIES, AND LETTING THEM KNOW WHAT
13 THE COUNTY CAN DO FOR THEM. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED
14 PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PARTNER
17 WITH THE COUNTY. YOU ARE ALWAYS THERE HELPING THE PEOPLE, AND
18 WE'RE ONLY THE MEDIUM TO GET THE WORD OUT. AND WE WERE VERY
19 HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT THAT ONE DAY AND CONTINUE TO DO
20 SO, BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE WORKING THAT DAY IN FRONT OF THE
21 CAMERAS, BUT WE KNOW YOU'RE WORKING VERY HARD EVERY SINGLE DAY
22 AND VERY WELL REPRESENTED BY EVERYONE WHO'S HERE. WE'RE HAPPY
23 TO SEE HOW EVERYBODY RESPONDED, LIKE YOU SAID. EVERYONE WAS
24 SURPRISED THAT ON SUCH A NIGHT THERE WERE SO MANY CALLS. WE'VE
25 DONE MANY TELETHONS IN THE PAST. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAD

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1 SUCH AN AMAZING AND OVERWHELMING RESPONSE. THAT JUST IS A
2 TESTAMENT TO ALL THE HARD WORK THAT EVERYBODY BEHIND ME DOES
3 AT THE COUNTY. AND TELEMUNDO'S VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
4 DO THAT. I'LL OFFER JUST FEW WORDS IN SPANISH. (SPEAKS
5 SPANISH.) [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
8 WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE WITH THE MEETING. MADAME EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
12 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
14 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
15 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
17 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
18 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
19 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
20 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
21 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
22 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
23 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
24 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
25 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE

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1 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
2 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
3 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
4 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
5 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER
6 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE
7 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY
8 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
9 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
10 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
11 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
12 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
13 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
14 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE GOING TO
18 TAKE ITEM 20 FIRST, JUST SO THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE KNOW AND
19 THREE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT CAN PREPARE. SO,
20 I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ITEM 20.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAME CHAIR, DO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM PUBLIC
23 COMMENT FIRST OR GO AHEAD? OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, FOR
24 TAKING THIS ITEM UP OUT OF ORDER. THE PROJECT, AS YOU MAY
25 KNOW, HAS BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE FOR MANY OF US, I THINK, GOING

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1 BACK ALMOST THREE YEARS NOW. AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK
2 RACHAEL MOORE AND HOWARD SHERMAN FOR THEIR TENACITY AND ALL
3 THE HOURS AND EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN SPENT ON THIS EFFORT TODAY.
4 I ALSO WANT TO THANK JOYCE AND PETER FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD
5 WORK. THE NEW PLAZA, MUSIC CENTER NEW PLAZA WILL REALLY OPEN
6 UP SPACE AND ALLOW FOR EXPANDED FREE PROGRAMMING TO OUR
7 COMMUNITY. I THINK A GOAL THAT ALL OF US HERE STRIVE FOR. I
8 WILL ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PLAZA WILL BE FULLY
9 A.D.A. COMPLIANT AND WILL ADD GREENERY AND CAN BE ENJOYED BY
10 EVERYONE. THE FAVORITE, MY MOST FAVORITE ASPECT OF THE
11 RENOVATED PLAZA WILL BE THE NEW RESTAURANT WHICH WILL ROTATE
12 EMERGING LOS ANGELES CHEFS. THEY ARE CULINARY ARTISTS, AFTER
13 ALL. AND DURING CONSTRUCTION, THEY WILL BE FEATURING WALLS
14 COVERED BY LOCAL ARTISTS. SO AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO
15 ARRANGE -- WELL, WE'LL HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST AND THEN
16 WE'LL ASK OUR GUESTS TO COME FORWARD.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST ADD
19 A COMMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS. YOU KNOW, AFTER WE DID
20 THE GRAND PARK, IT WANTED TO CONNECT TO THE MUSIC CENTER
21 PLAZA, BUT IT NEVER QUITE SEEMED TO BE ALL A PART OF THE SAME
22 THING. AND I THINK THIS NEW PROJECT MAKES IT KIND OF A
23 SEAMLESS PARK FOR THE PEOPLE AND ALL THE THINGS HAPPENING IN
24 THE PARK, IN THE PLAZA, IN THE MUSIC CENTER. I THINK IT'S VERY
25 EXCITING. IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE

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1 EVERYBODY FOR THAT. AND WITH THAT, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
2 PLEASE CALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU? ERIC
6 PREVEN, JOHN WALSH, AND SHELAH WARD. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** MR. WALSH PASSES.

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10 **LORI GLASGOW:** MR. PREVEN PASSES, AS WELL.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN PASSES. MISS WARD? DO WE
13 HAVE A SPEAKER? VERY GOOD, MOM. OKAY, WELCOME. YES, MA'AM. ALL
14 RIGHT. WE'LL START IT AS SOON AS YOU ARE COMFORTABLE. WELCOME.

15

16 **SHELAH WARD:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO SUGGEST THAT IN SPITE
17 OF ALL WHAT WE'RE DOING, THAT WE MAKE SURE WE HIRE SOME BLACK
18 AMERICAN PEOPLE TO WORK ON THESE JOBS, BECAUSE SO FAR, I'VE
19 BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE, I DO NOT SEE US WORKING. AND I DO NOT
20 WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS BURNING DOWN BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
21 THERE.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES
24 THOSE WHO ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. OVER TO YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULD JUST WANT
3 TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE THAT I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL SPRING OF 2019
4 WHEN WE CAN REOPEN THE PLAZA AND REALLY HAVE A BIG SHOW. SO
5 WITH THAT, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, AND I
6 WOULD ALSO ASK IF I COULD REQUEST TO HAVE RACHEL MOORE AND THE
7 CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSIC CENTER PLEASE JOIN US.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S TAKE THE VOTE
10 FIRST. AND NO ONE WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE DAIS, SO MOVED BY
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS ADOPTED. MS. MOORE, YOU'RE WELCOME.
13 BRING UP THE GANG. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THE NEXT ITEM UP IS ITEM 1-D, WHICH
16 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CENTER
19 IN ALTADENA WAS A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COORDINATED BY THE
20 C.D.C. AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT TO SERVE AS AN ECONOMIC CATALYST
21 TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE
22 PASADENA ALTADENA AND REALLY FOCUS ON BENEFITING THE LOCAL
23 COMMUNITY. WHILE I SUPPORT THE USE OF C.D.B.G. FUNDS FOR THE
24 NECESSARY REPAIRS, IT ILLUSTRATES GREATER ISSUES AND CONCERNS
25 THAT I HAVE. THE IDEA OF THE B.T.C. WAS THAT IT WAS TO BE

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1 SELF-FUNDED SO THAT THE IDEA THAT WE HAVE TO INVEST C.D.B.G.
2 DOLLARS TO PAY FOR ROOF PREPARERS IS COUNTER TO WHAT THE
3 MISSION AND GOALS OF THE B.T.C. ARE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
4 C.D.C. A FEW QUESTIONS IF THEY'RE AVAILABLE. I MEAN, THIS IS
5 SUPPOSED TO BE AN INCUBATOR AND ALLOW BUSINESSES TO COME AND
6 REALLY DEVELOP AND INVEST IN THEIR IDEAS IN AN ATMOSPHERE
7 THAT'S SUPPORTIVE. AND I APPRECIATE Y'ALL BEING HERE. WHAT IS
8 THE CURRENT VACANCY RATE AT THE B.T.C., AND WHAT IS THE
9 CURRENT RENTAL RATE STRUCTURE?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. SO THE B.T.C. IS CURRENTLY HOME TO 26
12 STARTUP COMPANIES AND IS CURRENTLY 95-PERCENT OCCUPIED. THE
13 EMPLOYEE COUNT FOR THOSE 26 COMPANIES IS 144 EMPLOYEES AND 92
14 OF THEM ARE FULL-TIME. AND THE CURRENT RENTAL STRUCTURE --

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CAN YOU HOLD ON ONE SECOND? I'M HAVING A
17 HARD TIME HEARING YOU. I'M SORRY.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** CAN WE HOLD IT DOWN A LITTLE BIT?
20 WE'RE STILL CONDUCTING BUSINESS UP HERE. SO, BETTER TO MAYBE
21 TAKE IT IN THE HALLWAY?

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, I GOT THE 95 PERCENT, AND THEN THE
24 RATE?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THE CURRENT RENTAL RATE IS \$1.50 PER SQUARE FOOT,
2 WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW MARKET.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. IS THERE A WAITING LIST OF
5 COMPANIES THAT WANT TO UTILIZE THE B.T.C.?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS NOT AN ACTIVE WAITING LIST RIGHT NOW FOR
8 CLIENT COMPANIES. HOWEVER, AS I SAID, THE VACANCY RATE IS
9 ACTUALLY RELATIVELY LOW. AND THE LEASE-UP RATE IS
10 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER, AS WELL AS THE EMPLOYEE COUNT AND
11 BUSINESS COUNT, THAN IT'S BEEN HISTORICALLY. SO WE DO WORK
12 WITH OUR PARTNERING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES AND
13 SORT OF THE INCUBATOR ECOSYSTEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
14 LOOKING FOR POTENTIAL CLIENTS. BUT RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO
15 ACTIVE WAITING LIST.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. WELL, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS
18 TODAY, BUT I JUST WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH YOU, WHETHER IT BE
19 THROUGH, IF THE VACANCY RATE IS AT 95 PERCENT, LOOK FOR
20 RECRUITMENT BUT ALSO LOOK AT MAYBE RE-EVALUATING WHAT WE'RE
21 DOING OUT THERE, BECAUSE WHILE I HAVE NO PROBLEM REINVESTING
22 C.D.B.G. DOLLARS IN A ROOF REPAIR, THE GOAL WAS TO MAKE THIS
23 SELF-SUFFICIENT. AND I KNOW THAT THIS WAS NOT UNDER YOUR
24 WATCH, BUT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES THERE. AND I'D LIKE TO GET
25 IT BACK ON TRACK AS IT RELATES TO REALLY EXPANDING AND

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1 SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY BUT ALSO MAKING ITSELF RELIANT. SO,
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE NO OTHER REQUESTS
7 TO SPEAK UP HERE. WERE THERE PERSONS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON 1-
8 D?

9

10 **LORI GLASGOW:** THERE IS ONE INDIVIDUAL. SHELAH WARD.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** MS. WARD? IS MS. WARD HERE?

13

14 **LORI GLASGOW:** SHE'S IN THE LOBBY, MADAME CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, WE, THEN, SHE'LL STILL
17 HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO ALLOCATE ANY WAY SHE WISHES. SO SEEING NO
18 OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK, I HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS
20 ADOPTED. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 9 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AS WE ALL KNOW, OUR
23 COUNTY LIBRARIES ARE INCREDIBLE RESOURCES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
24 AND STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, ESPECIALLY FOR STUDENTS WHOSE
25 FAMILIES DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES FOR THEM TO BUY THEIR OWN

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1 COMPUTER OR THEIR OWN BOOKS. THAT'S WHY WE ARE DEDICATED HERE
2 IN L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE SURE EVERY STUDENT IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY CAN GET A LIBRARY CARD. AND THE MOTION THAT I'M
4 BRINGING FORWARD TODAY WILL INTRODUCE FINE-FREE LIBRARY CARDS
5 FOR STUDENTS TO USE AT EVERY L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY. STUDENTS
6 WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK OUT THREE BOOKS AT A TIME AND KEEP THEM
7 FOR AS LONG AS THEY WANT WITHOUT BEING FINED UNTIL THEY FINISH
8 THEM AND ARE READY FOR NEW ONES. THIS IS A SEA CHANGE IN HOW
9 WE WERE ALL RAISED, BEING FINED IF OUR BOOKS WERE OVERDUE, AND
10 SOMETIMES PEOPLE GOT INTO SO MUCH DEBT WITH THEIR LIBRARY
11 FINES THAT THEY DIDN'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT TO DO. SO I REALLY
12 APPRECIATE OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT WORKING HARD ON MAKING SURE
13 EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO OUR LIBRARIES. AND WE HAVE SKYE PATRICK
14 HERE TODAY, WHICH I'M GOING TO LET HER SAY A FEW THINGS AFTER
15 THE VIDEO. BUT WE DO HAVE -- SKYE WANTED US TO SEE A QUICK
16 SHORT, LIKE A MINUTE VIDEO ABOUT HOW GREAT OUR LIBRARIES ARE
17 AND HOW OUR STUDENTS CAN ACTUALLY USE OUR LIBRARIES. AND FOR
18 THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN TO A LIBRARY IN A LONG WHILE, I THINK
19 YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THAT OUR LIBRARIES HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED
20 SINCE PEOPLE MY AGE WERE CHECKING OUT NANCY DREW AND BEING
21 TOLD TO BE QUIET. SO, LET'S SEE THE VIDEO. ROLL VIDEO.

22

23 **NARRATOR:** IT'S JUST ANOTHER BORING DAY WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT
24 BECOME A DUCT-TAPED CARDBOARD KNIGHT YET AGAIN. YOU WERE MADE
25 FOR ADVENTURE! IF ONLY ROBOTS WERE REAL, YOU'D MAKE ONE. YOU'D

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1 TURN DOWN A WOOLY MAMMOTH IF YOU COULD FIND IT. MAN, IF ONLY
2 THERE WAS A REAL PLACE YOU COULD DO TO DO ALL OF THE COOL
3 THINGS YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO. LUCKY FOR YOU, THIS PLAIN
4 OLD CARD IS LIKE A MAGIC KEY TO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN
5 DREAM UP, BECAUSE ADVENTURE IS WAITING FOR YOU AT L.A. COUNTY
6 LIBRARY. DO YOU GO CRAZY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY? THIS IS A
7 MAKMO WHERE YOU CAN BRING YOUR MOST INVENTIVE CREATIONS TO
8 LIFE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO IMAGINE COOL STUFF ANYMORE. NOW YOU
9 CAN MAKE IT. ARE YOU AN EXPLORER? YOUR LIBRARY CARD ALSO GETS
10 YOU FREE ENTRANCE INTO MUSEUMS AROUND L.A. TRANSPORT YOURSELF
11 TO THE WILD, WILD WEST. BUG OUT OR SEE A REAL SABER TOOTH
12 TIGER, WHICH ISN'T EVEN A TIGER AT ALL. WHO KNEW? NEED
13 HOMEWORK HELP? THE SMARTEST, COOLEST PEOPLE ARE READY TO HELP
14 YOU WITH MATH, ENGLISH, SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE AT THE
15 LIBRARY. NEED SOME HELP WITH YOUR REPORT OR RESEARCH? WE'VE
16 GOT IT, IN-PERSON OR ONLINE. WE'VE EVEN CREATED A SPECIAL PART
17 OF THE LIBRARY FOR YOU. AND OF COURSE, WE HAVE WALLS OF BOOKS
18 ABOUT ALL THE FUN STUFF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN. FROM COMIC BOOKS
19 TO COSTUMES, DRAWING TO DOGS, OUR LIBRARIANS CAN LEAD YOU TO
20 ALL SORTS OF ADVENTURES. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. YOU CAN GET FREE
21 SOUND DOWNLOADS, EBOOKS, MAGAZINES, MOVIES, AND T.V. SHOWS,
22 TOO. AND THE FUN CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER WITH THE LIBRARY
23 SUMMER READING AND DISCOVERY PROGRAMS. WITH YOUR L.A. COUNTY
24 LIBRARY CARD, YOU'LL NEVER BE BORED OR LOOKING FOR SOMETHING

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1 TO DO AGAIN. ADVENTURE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. THE LIBRARY
2 IS WAITING FOR YOU.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** GREAT. GREAT VIDEO. AND, YEAH, LET'S HEAR IT
5 FOR THE VIDEO. [APPLAUSE] SO, WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE SKYE
6 PATRICK AS OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES, AND THOUGHT
7 MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SHARE WITH US THE VISION
8 BEHIND PENALTY-FREE CARDS AND ALSO HOW YOU INTEND TO USE THIS
9 VIDEO GOING INTO SCHOOLS AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO REACH OUT TO
10 ALL STUDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, GET THEM A LIBRARY CARD AND MAKE
11 SURE THAT THEY USE IT AND FEEL THAT IT IS RISK-FREE BECAUSE
12 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE PENALIZED.

13

14 **SKYE PATRICK:** CERTAINLY. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND ABOUT THIS
16 CARD. YOU WILL RECALL BACK ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016, THIS BOARD
17 APPROVED THE WHITE HOUSE CARD CHALLENGE. SO, THIS IS REALLY
18 THE WORK PLAN OF THAT APPROVAL. THE GOAL REALLY IS FOR THIS
19 PROGRAM TO HELP CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AND HAVE THE LIBRARY
20 BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN CLOSING THAT ACHIEVEMENT GAP. IT'S
21 ALSO PART OF THE THINGS THAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IS TO
22 CREATE AND STRENGTHEN A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN
23 L.A. COUNTY, EVEN THOUGH THAT WE HAVE 62 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT
24 WE SERVE. AND SO FAR, WE'VE ACTUALLY COMMUNICATED WITH 40
25 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THEY'RE ON BOARD AND READY TO PARTICIPATE

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1 IN THIS PROGRAM, SO HUGE FEAT. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS -- I'M
2 SORRY YOU ASKED A SECOND QUESTION?

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BASICALLY, YOU KNOW, WHY ARE WE GETTING RID
5 OF FINES, AND HOW IS THIS GOING TO WORK? DON'T WE MAKE MONEY
6 OFF OF PENALIZING PEOPLE?

7

8 **SKYE PATRICK:** WE ACTUALLY, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE LIBRARY
9 DOESN'T MAKE THAT MUCH MONEY OFF PENALIZING STUDENTS
10 SPECIFICALLY. IT'S REALLY LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF OUR OVERALL
11 BUDGET, SO NOT SIGNIFICANT. WE'RE NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE
12 EXACTLY HOW MUCH IT IS IN OUR FINES AND FEES, BECAUSE WE ALSO
13 COLLECT MONEY FOR OVERDUE FINES, FOR COPYING, FOR MEETING-ROOM
14 USAGE, SO IT'S ALL ONE BIG FUND. BUT IT'S STILL LESS THAN 1
15 PERCENT OF OUR CURRENT BUDGET.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YOU KNOW, THERE ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO WILL
18 SAY, WELL, IF YOU DON'T MAKE THEM ACCOUNTABLE BY MAKING SURE
19 THAT THEY RETURN THEIR BOOK ON TIME, HOW IS THIS GOING TO --
20 WHAT IS THIS GOING TO TEACH?

21

22 **SKYE PATRICK:** HOW IS IT GOING TO TEACH THEM? WELL, HERE'S THE
23 THING. THEY STILL ARE ACCOUNTABLE. SO, WHAT WE'RE DOING,
24 AGAIN, IS WE'RE ALLOWING THEM TO CHECK OUT THREE ITEMS WITHOUT
25 PENALTY. BUT IF THEY LOSE THE ITEM, THEY'RE STILL REQUIRED TO

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1 EITHER PAY FOR THE ITEM, BUT THAT'S WHEN THEY CAN ENLIST THE
2 GREAT READ-AWAY THAT YOU APPROVED LAST SUMMER. SO, THEY'LL
3 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME INTO THE LIBRARY, READ DOWN THEIR
4 FINE, ESSENTIALLY, SO THAT THEY CAN STILL UTILIZE LIBRARY
5 RESOURCES. SO, WE REALLY JUST WANT TO ENGAGE STUDENTS. WE WANT
6 TO SHOW THEM THAT THERE'S SO MANY THINGS THEY CAN DO AT THE
7 LIBRARY. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY COME COME IN AND
8 UTILIZE OUR RESOURCES. THREE THINGS THAT I REALLY WANTED TO
9 CONCENTRATE ON WHEN I CAME ON BOARD AS LEADERSHIP WAS TO
10 ENSURE THAT WE ELIMINATED BARRIERS. THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE WHO
11 COULD USE LIBRARY SERVICES WHO HAVE THESE OLD, ANTIQUATED
12 FINES THAT NO LONGER USE THE LIBRARY. SO, WE WANTED TO
13 ELIMINATE BARRIERS. WE WANTED TO FOCUS ON MARKETING AND
14 BRANDING, WHICH WE'RE DOING. IT WILL SHOW UP LATER ON IN THE
15 AGENDA. AND WE WANTED TO REINFORCE THE LIBRARY AS A CENTER OF
16 LEARNING. SO, WE THINK THAT THIS CARD IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO
17 DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND SO, AND THE IDEA IS, SAY, YOU
20 CHECK OUT THREE BOOKS, AND YOU HAVE TO RETURN THEM BEFORE YOU
21 CAN CHECK OUT OR YOU HAVE TO RETURN ONE UNTIL YOU CAN CHECK
22 OUT ANOTHER ONE?

23

24 **SKYE PATRICK:** THAT'S CORRECT. SO, YOU COULD CHECK OUT UP TO
25 THREE ITEMS, AND, OF COURSE, YOU'D RETURN ONE AND THEN YOU CAN

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1 CHECK OUT ANOTHER, BUT YOU HAVE ACCESS TO ALL OF OUR
2 DATABASES, ALL OF OUR ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, AND ALL OF OUR E-
3 CONTENT, WHICH, OF COURSE, YOU DON'T ACCRUE FINES OVER,
4 BECAUSE THEY EXPIRE ON THEIR OWN.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA, AND I LIKE
7 THE IDEA THAT WE ARE CHANGING THE NAME TO MAKE IT EASIER.
8 WE'RE CHANGING IT FROM THE...

9

10 **SKYE PATRICK:** FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY TO
11 L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I THINK THAT'S ALSO GREAT. IT'S EASY FOR
14 PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE AND SAY. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY STEP IN
15 THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR REALLY OPENING UP ALL OF OUR
16 LIBRARIES, PARTICULARLY STUDENTS AROUND THE COUNTY AND MAKING
17 IT ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYBODY. SO, THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
18 THIS.

19

20 **SKYE PATRICK:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
25 ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. AND I WANT TO

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1 THANK SKYE PATRICK, OUR LIBRARIAN, FOR BEING SUCH AN
2 INNOVATIVE FORCE IN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. SHE'S REALLY DONE A
3 TREMENDOUS EFFORT. I WANT TO APPLAUD HER. SOME OF THE VISUALS
4 THAT YOU SAW IN THE VIDEO, WE ACTUALLY ARE ACTUALIZING THEM.
5 WE HAVE A MAKMO LIBRARY. IT'S AVAILABLE AND IT'S INTRODUCING
6 KIDS IN EAST L.A. AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO ROBOTICS AND
7 TECHNOLOGY THAT THEY HAVE NOT HAD ACCESS TO IN PRIOR YEARS. SO
8 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT THIS INITIATIVE TODAY IS
9 REALLY ABOUT A CHALLENGE THAT WAS PUT FORWARD TO US BY
10 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS
11 ACCESS TO A LIBRARY CARD AND HAS ACCESS TO LEARNING AND TO BE
12 ABLE TO IMPROVE. FOR MANY OF OUR CHILDREN, THE LIBRARY IS A
13 SAFE PLACE TO GO TO HAVE QUIET TIME, TO BE ABLE TO STUDY, TO
14 MEET OTHER PEOPLE, AND TO GET TUTORING AND MENTORING. AND NOW
15 CITIZENSHIP. SO I'M REALLY PROUD OF WHAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO
16 DO AND VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS CARD THAT'S BEING MADE
17 AVAILABLE TO ALLOW FOR OUR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO NOT BE
18 DISENFRANCHISED BECAUSE MAYBE THEY FAILED IN RETURNING A BOOK
19 OR SOMETHING YEARS AGO. SO, I REALLY THINK WE'RE COMING UP-TO-
20 DATE AND LOVE TO SEE MORE IMPROVEMENTS AND HOPE THAT WE CAN
21 PARTNER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HOPEFULLY BRING IN MORE
22 IDEAS AND REVENUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

24

25 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH
3 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT INITIATIVES
4 THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO INCREASE LIBRARY ACCESS AND
5 UTILIZATION ARE WORTH PURSUING. AND, SKYE, I HAVE TO THANK
6 YOU, BECAUSE WHEN YOU CAME HERE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU
7 DID WAS YOU ANALYZED EACH LIBRARY, BECAUSE WHAT'S GOING TO BE
8 RIGHT FOR LANCASTER MAY NOT BE WHAT'S NECESSARY IN A LIBRARY
9 IN POMONA OR IN TEMPLE CITY. AND YOU TOOK A LOOK AT EACH ONE
10 SO THAT WE COULD MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE GETTING THE BEST
11 UTILIZATION TO ADDRESS THAT COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT IS AN
12 INCREDIBLE CHALLENGE, BUT ALSO IT PAYS OFF IN DIVIDENDS,
13 ESPECIALLY WITH THE TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY AND WHAT WE'RE DOING
14 THERE. BUT I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE LOOKED NATIONWIDE AT HOW
15 THINGS ARE GOING. DO YOU HAVE ANY DATA ON THE EXPERIENCES IN
16 OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS?

17

18 **SKYE PATRICK:** WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF DATA IN TERMS OF LOCAL
19 LIBRARIES. THE CITY LIBRARIES ARE ALREADY ON BOARD WITH THE
20 LIBRARY CARD CHALLENGE. SEVERAL LIBRARIES IN CALIFORNIA ARE
21 ALSO ON BOARD. THIS IS KIND OF A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO, AGAIN,
22 REINFORCE LIBRARIES AS A CENTER OF LEARNING, NOT JUST L.A.
23 COUNTY. A LOT OF LIBRARIES ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE THE
24 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THAT'S ADDRESSING
25 FINES. THAT'S ALSO LOOKING AT PROGRAMMING AND SHOWING THAT THE

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1 PROGRAMS REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES. YOU MENTIONED THAT I DID
2 CANVAS AS MANY LIBRARIES AS I COULD WHEN I CAME ON, BUT I
3 REALLY OWE THAT TO MY STAFF. MY STAFF REALLY INFORMED ME OF
4 WHAT'S NEEDED IN EACH OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. SO, WE ATTEMPT TO
5 IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS BASED ON THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL
6 COMMUNITIES.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN I'D LIKE TO ASK THIS. YOU KNOW,
9 WE OPERATE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARIES, BUT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES
10 WE ALSO HAVE LIBRARIES THAT ARE OPERATED BY INDIVIDUAL CITIES.
11 I THINK IT WOULD BENEFIT US TO -- AND MAYBE WE'RE ALREADY
12 DOING IT -- TO REACH ACROSS THE CITY LINES AND WORK NOT ONLY
13 WITH L.A. CITY BUT, I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT, SAN MARINO,
14 GLENDORA. I MEAN, WE HAVE LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR 88
15 CITIES. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT TO CAPITALIZE ON MAYBE
16 WHAT THEY'RE DOING OR LET THEM CAPITALIZE ON WHAT WE ARE DOING
17 SO WE REALLY DO SATURATE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY.

18

19 **SKYE PATRICK:** I COMPLETELY DISAGREE, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS
20 ONE OF THE FIRST SUPERVISORS WHO ASKED TO DO THAT IN THE
21 LIBRARY WITH SOME OF HER MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES. SO WE ARE
22 LOOKING AT WAYS TO PARTNER, SHARE RESOURCES, AND SHOW THAT WE
23 ARE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, NOT JUST
24 THE 3.5 MILLION THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR.

25

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GREAT. WELL, I, AGAIN, WANT TO COMMEND
2 YOU BOTH FOR YOUR VISION ON THIS, AND I THINK THAT IT IS
3 SOMETHING THAT WILL BENEFIT GENERATIONS TO COME, BECAUSE THEY
4 SAY IF YOU DON'T GET THEM BY THIRD GRADE, YOU CAN LOSE THEM.

5

6 **SKYE PATRICK:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US, FIRST
9 LINE OF CONTACT, SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS WORKING WITH LIBRARIES. SO I
10 THANK YOU FOR THAT.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ADD MY THANKS
13 TO YOU. IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU AS OUR COUNTY
14 LIBRARIAN. I ACTUALLY THOUGHT WE HAD LOST YOU WHEN YOU FIRST
15 CAME IN FOR YOUR SECOND INTERVIEW, BECAUSE YOU TOLD US YOU HAD
16 ALREADY DRIVEN 120 MILES OR SOMETHING TO VISIT FOUR LIBRARIES
17 AND HADN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO ALL THE OUTER EDGES OF THE COUNTY.
18 AND I THOUGHT, OH, SHE'S GOING TO SAY I JUST CAN'T SPEND ALL
19 THAT TIME DRIVING. BUT FORTUNATELY NOW THAT WE HAVE BOOKS ON
20 TAPE -- AND I GUESS THEY'RE NOT ON TAPE ANYMORE BUT YOU KNOW
21 WHAT I MEAN. SO WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU. AND THANK YOU
22 VERY MUCH. THIS IS A GREAT IDEA, AMONG MANY OTHERS THAT YOU
23 BROUGHT. MY FAVORITE THIS YEAR IS THE D.J. SCHOOL, NOT ONLY
24 TRAINING YOUNG PEOPLE BUT HAVING THEM PERFORM. IT'S JUST, IT'S

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1 REALLY GREAT. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE HAVE REQUESTS TO
2 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW:** YES, MA'AM. THERE ARE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
5 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 9.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE CALL THEM FORWARD.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE PLEASE COME
10 FORWARD, JOHN WALSH AND SHELAH WARD.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** MR. WALSH PASSES. WHO ELSE PASSED?

13

14 **LORI GLASGOW:** SHELAH WARD HAS PASSED. OKAY, IT LOOKS LIKE THE
15 ONLY SPEAKER WILL BE REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** YES. WELCOME.

18

19 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** THANK YOU. HELLO, BOARD. HOW ARE YOU
20 DOING?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** I'M GOOD.

23

24 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** SO, I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU GUYS
25 RECOMMENDED AT LEAST THE FINES FOR THESE BOOKS ARE

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1 ASTRONOMICAL. THESE LOW INCOME, AS YOU KNOW, IS ALREADY
2 STRUGGLING, AND THEY'LL BE LUCKY TO EVEN HAVE THE KIDS EVEN
3 ATTEND THE LIBRARIES. WE NEED TO BUILD MORE, AND DEFINITELY A
4 REDUCTION OF THESE FINES IS SO NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO
5 AT LEAST TO READ WITHOUT ANY PENALTIES. SO, WHAT WE'D LIKE TO
6 DO IS FURTHER THIS, AND I THINK UNDER 25 RATHER THAN 17 YEARS
7 OLD, BECAUSE 25 YEARS OLD, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH L.A. AND EAST
8 L.A., WHERE LITERACY, ILLITERACY POPULATION IS REALLY HIGH.
9 IT'S OVER 14 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL ILLITERACY RATE. AND
10 THESE FINES BEING REDUCED BY HAHN AND SOLIS, IT'S A FIRST
11 STEP. AND, REALLY, YOU GUYS ARE REALLY REALIZING TO ALLEVIATE
12 THE PROBLEMS IN OUR LOW INCOME. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
13 BRINGING THIS TO LIGHT, AND WE HOPE TO SEE MORE OF THESE
14 CHANGES. APPRECIATE IT.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THOSE
17 WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK. I'M SORRY. I SEE SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** VERY QUICKLY, MADAME CHAIR. I TAKE NOTE OF
21 THE FACT THAT IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR, WE INTRODUCED A MOTION
22 THAT THE BOARD ADOPTED, THE WHITE HOUSE CARD CHALLENGE THAT
23 WAS MENTIONED EARLIER. AS SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I WERE TALKING
24 ABOUT THIS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE
25 BOARD MIGHT BENEFIT FROM IN TERMS OF LEVERAGING THESE

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1 INNOVATIONS AND POLICY INITIATIVES IS WE CAN CAPTURE THE
2 APPROPRIATE DATA AND HAVE A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE
3 TIME THAT'S DEEMED APPROPRIATE. AND AT THAT POINT, WE CAN
4 FIGURE OUT HOW TO BUILD ON SUCH PROGRAMS, BECAUSE I DO THINK
5 THEY HAVE EMBEDDED IN THEM IDEAS FOR HOW WE EXPAND FURTHER
6 INNOVATIONS. AND SO, I WOULD JUST OFFER THAT AS A
7 CONSIDERATION, CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT LIBRARIES, L.A.
8 COUNTY LIBRARY ON METRICS AND DATA, REPORT BACK IN A TIME
9 THAT'S DEEMED APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, THIS WAS A
12 SUGGESTION, NOT AN OFFICIAL AMENDMENT, BUT HEARD AND TAKEN
13 INTO ACCOUNT, FOR CERTAIN. ANY OTHER REMARKS? ALL RIGHT.
14 SEEING NONE, I HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS ADOPTED.
16 WE'LL GO NEXT TO ITEM 23, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF
17 ITEM 66-C, WHICH IS OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, AND HELD BY
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN I THINK FOR THE AMENDMENT. SO LET'S... YES. NO
19 ONE HELD 23 TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE ENTIRE AGENDA, BUT
20 ONLY HELD FOR AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE AMENDMENT'S
21 BEING DISTRIBUTED. DO YOU WISH TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE
22 AMENDMENT?

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I DO.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, PLEASE.

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. YES, I HAD ONE
4 SOMETHING TO ADD TO OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, AND IT AFFECTS THE
5 OVER 28,000 PEOPLE THAT HAVE GONE MISSING IN LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY IN 2016. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE SUFFER FROM CONDITIONS
7 THAT AFFECT MEMORY, JUDGMENT AND INABILITY TO COMMUNICATE,
8 SUCH AS ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA, AUTISM. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
9 WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES HAS INCREASED 53 PERCENT OVER A
10 35-YEAR PERIOD AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE GROWING. AND IN AN
11 EFFORT TO HELP THE COUNTY BETTER PREVENT AND RESPOND TO CASES
12 WHERE VULNERABLE PEOPLE GO MISSING, WE CREATED THE BRING OUR
13 LOVED ONES HOME TASKFORCE EARLIER THIS YEAR. AND JUST A FEW
14 DAYS AGO, THE TASKFORCE RELEASED A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDED
15 STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES. THE TASKFORCE BELIEVES THAT THERE
16 MAY BE LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S
17 ABILITY TO RESPOND TO MISSING PERSONS. THAT'S WHY I THEREFORE
18 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADD THE FOLLOWING TO OUR
19 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WILL
20 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO REUNITE FAMILIES WITH LOVED
21 ONES WHO HAVE TENDENCIES TO WANDER, SUCH AS INDIVIDUALS WITH
22 ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA, AND AUTISM. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE AMENDMENT -- IS THERE
25 ANY OBJECTION TO INCLUDING THE AMENDMENT IN ITEM 23 AND 66-C?

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1 SEEING NONE, THE AMENDMENT WILL BECOME A PART OF THE MOTION.

2 DO WE HAVE REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS?

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW:** YES. TWO INDIVIDUALS, JOHN WALSH AND SHELAH

5 WARD, HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW:** MR. WALSH HAS PASSED, AND SHELAH WARD HAS

10 PASSED.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW:** ALL RIGHT. THEN, WE ARE ACTUALLY READY TO VOTE

13 ON THESE ITEMS. THIS IS TO ADOPT THE CHANGES THAT WERE

14 PROPOSED TO THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, INCLUDING THE ONE

15 ON THE GREEN SHEET, THAT'S 66-C, AND THE AMENDMENT JUST

16 ADOPTED, ARTICULATED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IS THERE ANY

17 OBJECTION? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE? SEEING NONE,

19 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. ALL RIGHT. OUR FINAL ITEM, I THINK,

20 BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS IS A PUBLIC

21 HEARING ON ITEM 70. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD

24 ON ITEM 70, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN

25 IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU

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1 SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING
2 BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.
3 ITEM NUMBER 70 IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY
4 CODE, TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE
5 REGULATIONS, AND TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY, TO ADD CANNABIS
6 FACILITIES AND CREATE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT AND SERVICE
7 FEES AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXECUTE AN
8 AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
9 HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES OF
10 COMMERCIAL CANNABIS FACILITIES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY
11 EFFECTIVE UPON BOARD APPROVAL THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2023 THERE IS
12 NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE
13 RECEIVED. AND SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED TO
14 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS MATTER.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE NO PRESENTATION.
17 OF COURSE, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL
18 ALWAYS BE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS
19 LATER. I SEE NO REQUESTS TO SPEAK HERE ON THE DAIS. SO, WE CAN
20 GO, THEN, TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 70.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
23 FORWARD WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR NAME. ERIC PREVEN, GABRIEL
24 FERNANDEZ, JONATAN CVETKO, MIKAEL LONG, AND DARRELL KRUSE,
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD, JOHN WALSH, AND SHELAH WARD.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET US HAVE SOME FOLKS IN
3 THE CHAIRS UP HERE. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE. WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **GABRIEL FERNANDEZ:** MY NAME'S GABRIEL FERNANDEZ. I'M AN
6 EMPLOYEE OF THE BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M A
7 PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES. AND I WORK IN AN
8 UNINCORPORATED PART OF L.A. COUNTY, IN BASSETT, WHICH IS NEAR
9 LA PUENTE, SERVED BY MS. SOLIS. AND JUST SPEAKING ABOUT
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE LACK OF SERVICE, I KNOW WE'RE
11 TALKING ABOUT THE REGULATION OF CANNABIS FACILITIES, BUT IT'S
12 SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BECOME DEEPLY PROBLEMATIC IN OUR
13 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE
14 ABUSE SERVICES. AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE
15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF L.A.
16 COUNTY. TO MY COUNT, WE HAVE ONE IN THE AREA OF WHITTIER. WE
17 HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF KIDS AND PARENTS ASKING WHAT CAN WE DO
18 WITH THEIR KIDS WHO HAVE THESE ISSUES? AND WE DO SEE CLINICS
19 STARTING TO OPEN UP AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE MORE OPENING AND
20 WE JUST LOOK TO SEE SERVICES AND MESSAGING ABOUT HELP THAT OUR
21 PARENTS AND KIDS REALLY NEED IN UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF L.A.
22 COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE.

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1

2 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
3 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. I HAVE TO
4 AGREE WITH MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO -- AND
5 I WAS OVER THERE WHEN THEY PASSED IT -- AND HERB WESSON WAS
6 SAYING THIS IS A GREAT CIVIL RIGHTS THING. THIS IS A GREAT
7 CIVIL RIGHTS THING. EVERYBODY WHO OWNS THESE CANNABIS SHOPS
8 ARE WHITE PEOPLE. THEY'RE YOUNG WHITE PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE
9 GOING TO MOVE INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY
10 WANT TO BUILD THESE POT SHOPS IN BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS, BECAUSE
11 WHITE PEOPLE AREN'T AFRAID OF GOING INTO BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS,
12 BUT BLACK PEOPLE SHOULD BE AFRAID OF GOING INTO WHITE
13 NEIGHBORHOODS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS
14 THAT WE MUST STOP THIS NOW. WE HAVE TO STOP IT NOW. VOTE NO ON
15 THIS. WE CAN'T HAVE WHITE PEOPLE GOING INTO BLACK
16 NEIGHBORHOODS AND RAISING THE CRIME RATE. AND AS WE KNOW,
17 WHENEVER YOU OPEN A POT SHOP, THE CRIME RATE SHOOTS UP. BUT
18 HERB WESSON IS GETTING HIS PIECE OF THE ACTION. WE KNOW HERB
19 WESSON IS GOING TO BE RUNNING FOR ONE OF YOURS. HE'S GOING TO
20 BE RUNNING FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S SEAT WHEN MARK RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS IS FINISHED, AND WE DON'T WANT POT SHOPS IN BLACK
22 NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY SURE AS HELL AREN'T GOING TO BE IN WEST OF
23 LA BREA NEIGHBORHOODS, AND I'M JEWISH, THE JEWISH
24 NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY WILL BE IN THE BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS. YOU
25 KNOW IT, AND THE HISPANIC NEIGHBORHOODS. WE ALL KNOW THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **JONATAN CVETKO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JONATAN
5 CVETKO. I'M A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY CANNABIS ADVISORY
6 GROUP AND FOUNDER OF ANGELES EMERALDS, AN ASSOCIATION OF
7 PATIENTS, ADVOCATES, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND OTHER THOUGHTFUL
8 STAKEHOLDERS WORKING TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS REGULATIONS
9 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY'S PROPOSED HEALTH ORDINANCE SHOWS
10 PROOF OF THE THOUGHTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE APPROACH CONTINUING TO
11 BE TAKEN AS WE PREPARE FOR LICENSING MEDICAL AND ADULT-USE
12 CANNABIS. AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY AS WELL
13 AS L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, WE SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE AND LOOK
14 FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
15 AS THEY BEGIN THEIR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. WE FIRMLY
16 BELIEVE THAT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IS A KEY COMPONENT TOWARDS
17 ACHIEVING THE BOARD'S STATED GOAL OF TRANSITIONING FROM AN
18 ILLICIT UNREGULATED CANNABIS MARKET TO A REGULATED MARKET. WE
19 RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER ANGELES EMERALD AND OUR
20 COALITION PARTNERS, DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE AND OTHERS, IN THE
21 FORMATION OF YOUR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. I'M EXCITED
22 AT THE CONTINUED STEPS TAKEN TOWARDS CREATING A REGULATED
23 CANNABIS MARKET IN L.A. COUNTY. DURING LAST WEEK'S OPERATION
24 CLUSTER MEETING, WE SAW THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AROUND THE
25 SIMILAR CONCERNS THAT WE SHARE ON THE CURRENT RECOMMENDED

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1 REGULATIONS AND THEIR ABILITY TO MAXIMIZE THE TRANSITION TO
2 REGULATED MARKET. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO
3 PRIORITIZE SAFETY OF ALL ITS RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING AN
4 EQUITABLE LICENSING PATHWAY FOR EXISTING OPERATORS TO
5 TRANSITION TO THE REGULATED MARKET. OFFERING SUFFICIENT ZONING
6 AND LICENSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING AND NEW OPERATORS
7 WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO TRANSITION THE
8 MARKETS AND TO IDENTIFY IRRESPONSIBLE OPERATORS WHO HAVE NO
9 INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS REGULATED MARKET. THE
10 SPIRIT OF PROP 64 WAS TO ALLOW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING
11 OPERATORS TO BECOME LEGAL AND REGULATED AND NOT TO CREATE
12 OVERLY BURDENSOME REGULATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
13 THEM TO ENTER THE MARKET THEY HAVE CREATED BY PROVING TO US
14 THAT ALL, THAT CANNABIS WAS NOT THE HIGH LEVEL OF DANGER TO
15 PUBLIC SAFETY THAT WE ONCE ASSUMED IT WAS. SHOULD THE
16 REGULATIONS CONTINUE TO BE LIMITING, WE WILL FAIL AT
17 TRANSITIONING THE MARKET AND WILL CONTINUE TO NOT ONLY SEE AN
18 ILLICIT MARKET THRIVE BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY -- I GIVE MY TIME.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** MORE IMPORTANT, FINISH THAT
21 SENTENCE. FINISH THAT SENTENCE.

22

23 **JONATAN CVETKO:** IT WOULD JUST TAKE 10 MORE SECONDS? MAY I HAVE
24 THIS TIME?

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU MAY HAVE NO MORE TIME, BUT IF
2 YOU WISH TO FINISH THE SENTENCE, YOU MAY.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** HE WANTS TO CEDE TIME.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT WE -- ALL
7 RIGHT. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO CEDE? THE WHOLE THING?
8 ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE YOUR NAME, SIR, PLEASE?

9

10 **MIKAEL LONG:** MIKAEL LONG.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. TWO MORE
13 MINUTES, THEN.

14

15 **JONATHAN CVETKO:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.
16 SHOULD THE REGULATIONS CONTINUE TO BE LIMITING, WE'LL FAIL AT
17 TRANSITIONING THE MARKET AND NOT ONLY SEE AN ILLICIT MARKET
18 THRIVE BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, CONTINUE SEE THE SYSTEMIC
19 ASSAULT UPON OUR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, PERPETUATING THE
20 CYCLE THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, DEFEATING THE
21 ENTIRE PURPOSE OF WHAT PROP 64 WAS INTENDED TO END. ONCE
22 AGAIN, WE APPLAUD, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED THOUGHTFUL
23 CONSIDERATION OF WHAT IS BEST FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
24 OFFER OUR FULL SUPPORTS IN THE EFFORTS TOWARDS CREATING
25 RESPONSIBLE REGULATIONS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE ILLICIT

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1 MARKET, PROMOTE THE PROSPEROUS REGULATED MARKET, AND, AT THE
2 SAME TIME, PROTECTING WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE TO ALL OF US, OUR
3 HEALTH AND OUR CHILDREN. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO Y'ALL. WE LOOK
4 FORWARD TO MANY GREAT THINGS WE'LL ACHIEVE TOGETHER IN THE NEW
5 YEAR. THANK YOU AGAIN.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DARRELL KRUSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. A RETAILER
11 SHALL NOT ACCEPT, POSSESS, OR SELL CANNABIS GOODS THAT ARE NOT
12 PACKAGED AS THEY WILL BE SOLD AT FINAL SALE. SO, WHY IS THE
13 HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVOLVED? HOW CAN THEY JUSTIFY THE \$4,000
14 FOR PLANNED FEES AND INSPECTIONS WHEN EVERYTHING IS
15 PREPACKAGED? ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, THE BOARD WANTED TO IMPOSE
16 THEIR EQUITY B.S. ON THE PRINCIPLES OF LOCATING DISPENSARIES.
17 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS READY TO HELP. DR. FERRER LIED ABOUT
18 WHERE THE LICENSED DISPENSARIES WERE LOCATED, SUPPORTING THE
19 BOARD'S EQUITY B.S. THIS, THESE FEES, ARE JUST A PAYOFF FOR
20 HER. WHEN WE TALKED TO JAMES FIELDING WITH THE HEALTH
21 DEPARTMENT BACK IN APRIL OF 2005, HE SAID THEY HAD NOTHING TO
22 DO WITH IT. IT'S ALL BUSINESS LICENSING. WHAT A DIFFERENCE
23 WHEN YOU GOT CHILLS TO SAY ANYTHING, EVEN LIE, WHEN THE BOARD
24 NEEDS IT, JUST TO FOOL THE PUBLIC. I WAS ANGRY AND HURT WHEN
25 DICKY SIMMONS SPOKE IN DECEMBER 21, 2005, ALLOWING THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS THEN TO DO WHAT THEY WANTED AND OPPOSED TO
2 DOING WHAT THEY SAID. IT'S BEEN 13 YEARS NOW. WHERE'S MINE? 13
3 YEARS OF DEALING WITH GOOD-FOR-NOTHING IGNORANT GOVERNMENT
4 WORKERS. WHERE'S MINE?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 PLEASE CALL THE LAST SPEAKER.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE PLEASE COME
10 FORWARD?

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
15 DISTRICT, AND I'M GOING TO READ SOMETHING THAT I WROTE WITH MY
16 BROTHER FOR THE CITYWATCH, WHICH IS ON POINT. "THE L.A. CITY
17 COUNCIL MOVED FORWARD WITH ITS CONFUSING AND DUMB PLAN TO
18 ALLOW FOR THE OPENING ON JANUARY 1, 2018 OF LEGAL RECREATIONAL
19 POT SHOPS. WHAT STARTED AS A PRUDENT DECRIMINALIZATION OF POT-
20 RELATED ACTIVITIES HAS DEVOLVED INTO A NIGHTMARISH MAZE OF
21 PUNITIVE REGULATIONS AND STEPPED-UP ENFORCEMENT. THE FAIR-
22 MINDED RELATIONSHIP THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS WHO SMOKE POT HAVE
23 HAD FOR YEARS WITH THEIR SMALL-TIME SUPPLIERS WILL GET UPENDED
24 BY THE CITY'S NEW REGULATORY, GOBBLING REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.
25 THE SMALL-TIME SUPPLIER WILL BECOME PUBLIC-ENEMY NUMBER 1, A

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1 TAX CHEAT AND A FLOUTER OF HIGH-OCTANE SALES REGULATIONS. AS
2 FOR THE RECREATIONAL USER, HIS OR HER COST OF GETTING POT WILL
3 TRIPLE, BECAUSE INSTEAD OF GETTING HIS SUPPLY FROM A SMALL-
4 TIME SELLER, HE OR SHE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUY FROM A LICENSED
5 SELLER, SUBJECT TO ONEROUS STATE AND CITY TAXES, COSTS THAT
6 WILL GET PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER. THERE'S A SOCIAL EQUITY
7 PROGRAM BUILT INTO THE CITY'S NEW POLICIES. THE GIST OF IT IS
8 THAT IT WILL BE EASIER TO GET POT- SELLING LICENSES FOR LOW-
9 INCOME PEOPLE WHO SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE OLD POT LAWS.
10 IT'S A JOKE. HOW ABOUT JUST LEAVING THE SMALL- TIME SELLER
11 ALONE? AND THAT REALLY IS THE THRUST OF MY COMMENT. I AM AND
12 WAS COMPLETELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE IDEA OF DECRIMINALIZING THE
13 USE OF MARIJUANA. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE WAYS TO RESTRICT ITS
14 USAGE IN AND AROUND SCHOOLS. BUT WHAT WE HAVE COME UP WITH IS
15 A LABYRINTHIAN, CONFUSING, ODD SYSTEM THAT BENEFITS A GROUP OF
16 PEOPLE WHO ARE ON ANDREW WESTALL'S C.C. LIST. HE IS THE CHIEF
17 DEPUTY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR HERB WESSON OF, YOU KNOW,
18 C.D.10, WHICH, AS SOMEBODY MENTIONED, HE'LL BE REPLACING MARK
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS. HE'S CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL FOLKS
20 IN TOWN. THIS IS A BAD, BAD TURN, AND WE SHOULD NOT GO AROUND
21 ENFORCING AGAINST ORDINARY SMALL FOLKS WHO ARE TRYING TO DO
22 THEIR BEST. WE SHOULD MAKE IT SAFE.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **SHELAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'D
2 LIKE TO MAKE A HUMBLE SUGGESTION THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS
3 JUST THAT, MEDICAL MARIJUANA. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT
4 IT BE PLACED IN PACKAGING WHERE YOU GO AND BUY LIKE YOU GO AND
5 BUY ANY DRUG FROM ANY DRUGSTORE, THAT NO ONE CAN GO AND BUY IT
6 WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION, AND THAT IT DOESN'T COST ANY MONEY,
7 BECAUSE IT GROWS FREER AND FASTER THAN ANY DRUG OR ANYTHING ON
8 THE MARKET TODAY. IN AS MUCH AS PUBLIC SMOKING, THERE SHOULD
9 BE DESIGNATED AREAS, LIKE WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR INSULIN, LIKE
10 WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR OTHER MEDICATIONS. YOU HAVE SPECIAL PLACES
11 WHERE YOU USE YOUR BRAIN AND YOU CAN GO AND USE IT. AS FAR AS
12 YOUNG PEOPLE USING IT? IT'S A MEDICINE. IT'S NOT FOR PEOPLE TO
13 USE THAT ARE UNDER THE CERTAIN AGES, BECAUSE UNLESS YOU'RE
14 SICK. IT'S MARIJUANA. THERE'S A MARIJUANA TO MAKE YOU LAUGH.
15 GOD MADE ONE THAT MAKES YOU CRY. GOD MADE ONE THAT MADE PAIN
16 GO AWAY. GOD MADE ONE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL JUST AT EASE WITH
17 THE UNIVERSE, AND I KNOW BECAUSE I AM A MARIJUANA USER FOR MY
18 MEDICAL PAIN AND MISERY, WHY I DON'T LOOK 67, AND EVEN THOUGH
19 I'VE HAD SLIPS AND FALLS, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NUMB TOES, NUMB
20 KNEES, NUMB FINGERS, I'M ABLE TO MOVE AND THINK AND USE MY
21 BRAIN MENTALLY BECAUSE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DRUGS HAVE A
22 TENDENCY TO MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR MIND, LOSE YOUR BRAIN, NOT ABLE
23 TO THINK, AND SIT AT HOME AND WATCH THE IDIOT BOX. SO, PLEASE
24 THINK CAREFULLY IN THE PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTING OF MEDICAL

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1 MARIJUANA, WHICH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SELLING IT ARE GETTING
2 MORE OUT OF IT THAN THE PATIENTS.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
5 PLEASE.

6

7 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** HI. THERE ARE SEVERAL REGULATIONS THAT
8 NEED TO HAPPEN WITH CANNABIS. SOUTH L.A. PARTICULARLY THERE'S
9 AT LEAST 370 STORES. 370 OF THEM IS RIDICULOUS. BUT WHAT'S
10 HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NO OVERSIGHT. YOU HAVE ONE
11 PERSON THAT WORKS WITH CANNABIS REGULATION FOR THE CITY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. HER NAME IS CAT PACKER. BUT SHE'S NOT -- SHE'S
13 NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. SO THERE NEEDS TO BE AN OVERSIGHT
14 COMMITTEE WITH CANNABIS REGULATION FOR THE COUNTY. WHO ARE
15 THEY? AND FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO DO A COMPLETE CENSUS. SO IF
16 WE ARE' GOING TO HAVE HEALTH PERMIT AND SERVICE FEES ADJUSTED
17 FOR THESE OWNERS, MORE HAS TO HAPPEN. THEY HAVE TO HAVE
18 TRAINED STAFF, FIRST OF ALL. THESE DISPENSARY SHOPS ARE SET UP
19 AS PLACES WHERE PEOPLE BUY WEED. AND THAT'S NOT TAKEN
20 SERIOUSLY. CANNABIS IS A SERIOUS ALTERNATIVE, AND PSYCHE MEDS
21 IS REALLY WHAT MAKES MONEY, SO A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T WANT
22 PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS TO WEAN OFF PSYCH MEDS AND TAKE CANNABIS.
23 I AM FOR CANNABIS GROWING, ESPECIALLY HOLISTIC HEALING,
24 BECAUSE THERE ARE ENOUGH SIDE EFFECTS THAT WE KNOW WITH PSYCH
25 MEDS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF WE ARE GOING TO DO ANY TYPE OF

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1 REGULATION, HAVE TO DO A COMPLETE CENSUS, CURRENT REGISTRATION
2 OF ALL THE OLD BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THE CANNABIS, ESPECIALLY IN
3 SOUTH L.A., THEY'RE NOT REGISTERED, AND TO HAVE TRAINED STAFF
4 IN COMPASSIONATE CARE, KNOWING THE STRAINS, NOT PUTTING EXTRA
5 CHEMICALS, WHICH IS WHY A LOT OF THESE SO-CALLED STRAINS ARE
6 TAINTED. AND THE EFFECTS ARE IRREVERSIBLE SOMETIMES,
7 ESPECIALLY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. IF IT'S GOING TO BE
8 AVAILABLE, IF THEY MAKE IT LEGAL IN 2018, WE DEFINITELY NEED
9 TO HAVE A REGULATORY STATUTE FOR STAFF MEMBERS WORKING IN
10 THESE DISPENSARIES. SO THIS IS A GREAT START. SERVICE FEES, I
11 GUESS. HOPEFULLY THE MONEY WILL GO BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THOSE WHO
15 HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE
18 OPPORTUNITY JUST TO SAY A FEW THINGS. TO DATE, ABOUT 15 CITIES
19 IN L.A. COUNTY ARE PLANNING ON ALLOWING SOME FORM OF
20 COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES, INCLUDING RETAIL CULTIVATION
21 AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES. THAT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC
22 RECORD. AND WHILE PERMITTING AND REGULATING THESE BUSINESSES,
23 I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THE CITIES AS AUTONOMOUS
24 ENTITIES HAVE A RIGHT TO DO SO. IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S THEIR
25 PREROGATIVE. I WANT TO ASSERT THAT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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1 IMPACTS OF SUCH BUSINESSES WILL BE FAR-REACHING ACROSS THE
2 COUNTY, MOVING BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THOSE BORDERS OF THOSE
3 PARTICULAR CITIES. AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, OBVIOUSLY, PROVIDES
4 VITAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES SUCH AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL
5 CARE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PUBLIC
6 HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH, FRANKLY, MUNICIPALITIES, CITIES AND
7 THE LIKE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO SIMPLY DO NOT PROVIDE. AND
8 ACCORDINGLY, IF WE ACCEPT THIS AS BEING FACT, AND IT IS, IT'S
9 CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY BE ABLE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH
10 ALL CITIES, THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ORDINANCES AND THOSE WHO
11 HAVE NOT WHO WILL OBVIOUSLY BE AFFECTED. WE NEED TO WORK WITH
12 THEM TO PROMOTE CONSISTENT STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS. AND
13 THAT'S WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS HEREBY SEEKING. AND SO, THE
14 BOARD OUGHT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE C.E.O. AND D.P.H.'S ONGOING
15 EFFORTS TO MEET AND FIND CONSENSUS WITH THESE RESPECTIVE
16 MUNICIPALITIES IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF WORK. I WANT TO
17 ENCOURAGE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO BRING ALL THESE CITIES IN
18 ALIGNMENT WITH THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS. IT'S
19 GOING TO BE CHALLENGING ENOUGH AS IT IS. AND I SAID THAT
20 BEFORE, AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN. ABSENT SOME SORT OF
21 UNIFORMITY, NOT SIMPLY IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SPEAKING
22 SPECIFICALLY TO PUBLIC HEALTH, WHERE THE DATA IS THE MOST
23 COMPELLING, PARTICULARLY AS IT'S TARGETED AT ADOLESCENTS, AND
24 I POINT TO THE DATA THAT THAT WAS CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION BY
25 DR. FERRER ABOUT A MONTH AGO IN TERMS OF THE STUDY THAT WAS

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1 DONE. I WANT TO ASK THAT YOU CIRCULATE THAT OVER AND OVER
2 AGAIN. SOME OF US ARE IN NEED OF REMEDIATION, IT SEEMS TO ME,
3 AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT DATA WILL BE WARMED UP. I WAS IN A
4 CONVERSATION WITH SOME NEUROLOGISTS THE OTHER DAY. THEY SAY
5 THE DATA THAT'S EMERGENCY ON ADOLESCENT-INDUCED CANNABIS
6 PSYCHOSIS, CANNABIS-INDUCED ADOLESCENT PSYCHOSIS IS EMERGING
7 FORCEFULLY IN COMMUNITIES. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE
8 CASE, WE NEED TO BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION. AND SO, I THINK
9 THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE REASONS THAT ARE SO OBVIOUS AND
10 COMPELLING. MADAME CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO
13 THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR GETTING OUT AHEAD OF
14 THIS, BECAUSE WE WANTED TO GET THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT DONE BY
15 THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, SO THAT CITIES THAT WANTED TO
16 UTILIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT
17 BEFORE THEY ADOPTED THEIR ORDINANCES, OR AT LEAST TO CONSIDER
18 IT IN ADOPTING. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I SEE NO FURTHER
19 REQUESTS TO SPEAK. SO, I'LL TAKE A MOTION ON THE ITEM FROM
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. WITHOUT
21 ANY OBJECTION. DO WE NEED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** YES, MA'AM, PLEASE. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE
24 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN MOVE THE
25 ITEM.

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
3 CLOSED. THE ITEM IS MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE
4 ITEM IS APPROVED. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
7 FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
8 ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN HELD BY A SUPERVISOR. WOULD THE
9 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
10 NAME? JOHN WALSH HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EVERY
11 REMAINING ITEM. SHELAH WARD, PLEASE COME FORWARD. SHE HAS
12 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EVERY REMAINING ITEM. ERIC
13 PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALMOST EVERY
14 REMAINING ITEM. ANGELA GUTIERREZ HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
15 BOARD ON ITEM 15. RED CHIEF HUNT HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
16 BOARD ON ITEMS 4 AND 40 WAYNE SPINDLER HAS REQUESTED TO
17 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE REMAINING ITEMS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.
18 BETTY AVILA HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 66-F.
19 WAYNE PERRY, ITEM 66-F. STEPHANIE MERCADO HAS REQUESTED TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON 66-F. AND JESSICA RIOS.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. WALSH GO AHEAD.

23

24 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
25 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. IT'S SO MUCH

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1 DIFFERENT. IT'S LIKE NIGHT AND DAY COMING OVER HERE. THE VILE,
2 ANTI-WHITE SENTIMENT OVER AT THE CITY IS VICIOUS, BUT YOU'RE
3 ALLOWED TO BE ANTI-WHITE, AS LONG AS YOUR SKIN COLOR IS BLACK.
4 BUT SCRAPE THAT BLACK OFF HERB WESSON'S FACE AND HE'S WHITER
5 THAN I AM. I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, I ONLY WANT, I ONLY ASK
6 FOR ONE MINUTE, BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING OVER HERE, AT LEAST YOU
7 TREAT US NOT LIKE [EXPLETIVE], YOU TREAT US -- AND WHAT'S THE
8 RESULT? NOBODY GETS KICKED OUT OF THESE MEETINGS. NOBODY GETS
9 KICKED OUT. AND STAY TUNED WHEN I AM GOING TO EXPOSE JANICE
10 HAHN AND HER ERIC GARCETTI CONNECTION THROUGH HIS SISTER.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** HMM. THANK YOU. JUST WHEN YOU WERE DOING
13 GOOD, YOU HAD TO GO THERE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** ALL RIGHT. SO, HEARING SOME ANIMOSITY LOVE IN
16 THE ROOM. SO, WE'RE ENDING THIS, THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR.
17 SO AGAIN, YES, WE DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU DO TREAT US
18 LIKE CIVILIZED HUMAN BEINGS. WE GO TO L.A. CITY COUNCIL
19 MEETINGS, AND WE NEVER GET TREATED LIKE THIS. WE GET TREATED
20 LIKE PIGS. (OINKING), WHEN IT HITS EIGHT MONTHS AND YOU GET
21 TURNED INTO THOSE JUICY LITTLE PATTIES OVER THERE AT MICKY
22 D'S, YOU KNOW. SO, LET'S SEE HERE. LOTS OF SPENDING, WHICH IS
23 GOOD FOR THE END OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE ALL OF THESE AGENCIES,
24 YOU WANT TO GET ALL OF YOUR MONEY IN, AND THIS IS THE TIME TO
25 RAID THE COFFERS. THIS IS THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR. SO,

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1 THAT IS WHAT ALL THIS STUFF IS, TWO, THREE, FOUR, LOTS OF
2 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. LOOK AT ALL THIS MONEY.
3 BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SHELTER.
4 \$10,000 FOR 500 VEHICLES. OKAY, NUMBER 6 IS TOO LOW, TOO LOW.
5 YOU CAN'T HAVE \$10,000 FOR 500 VEHICLES. NUMBER 6, MAKE THAT
6 FOR CHRISTMAS \$100,000, BECAUSE YOU GOT TO DOUBLE. WE'RE GOING
7 TO DOUBLE EVERYTHING. NOW WE GET ALONG TO 8, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
8 WAIVING THE \$600 RECEIPT FEE. YES. ON NUMBER 6, NOT ONLY WAIVE
9 IT, BUT GIVE EACH PERSON IN ATTENDANCE A \$500 GIFT CARD TO
10 THEIR CHOICE OF PLACE. SEE, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO SPEND ALL
11 THE MONEY. NOW, WE GET -- OH, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE GAS
12 COMPANY GRANTED TO EXTEND THE TERM? OH, OKAY. SEE, THE PROBLEM
13 WITH NUMBER 10 IS THAT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS HAD A
14 RECENT MEETING WITH MR. ENGLANDER -- THAT'S THE CITY
15 COUNCILMAN FOR THE RECORD, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN IN THE FIFTH
16 DISTRICT AS THE DIBBLE DWARF. HE FINISHED FIFTH PLACE AGAINST
17 KATHRYN BARGER, THE GREATEST VICTORY WE'VE HAD YET IN THE
18 HISTORY OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.. SO, HE SAID THAT MAYBE THEY
19 SHOULDN'T GET THEIR FRANCHISE EXTENDED, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT
20 NOTIFYING HOMEOWNERS OF EMERGENCIES, LIKE THAT LITTLE ALISO
21 CANYON THING. YOU KNOW, IT'S STILL LEAKING. IT'S STILL
22 LEAKING, AND IT SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN. BUT THE PROBLEM IS SEMPRA
23 ENERGY HAS TOO MUCH MONEY. THEY CAN BUY EVERYBODY. THAT'S THE
24 PROBLEM, SEE? SEE, SEMPRA ENERGY WOULD BUY ME RIGHT NOW. SO,
25 I'M FOR SALE. SO, SEMPRA ENERGY, YOU WANT TO GIVE ME \$100,000,

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1 YOU SEND IT TO ME, WAYNE FROM ENCINO, RIGHT HERE, CARE OF
2 JANICE HAHN. YOU GET ME THE MONEY, AND I'LL BE YOUR ADVOCATE.
3 YEAH, YOU'LL SEE ME TALKING ABOUT NATURAL GAS, THE BIG NATURAL
4 GAS GUY, BECAUSE, SEE, WE'RE ALL FOR SALE, AND THE ONLY ONE
5 THAT'S NOT HERE, MR. PREVEN, BUT HE CAN TALK TO YOU. HAVE A
6 GOOD CHRISTMAS. I'LL BE BACK.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE'LL SEE YOU. HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO.
11 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
14 DISTRICT. AND THERE'S A NUMBER OF SOLE- SOURCE ITEMS ON THE
15 AGENDA TODAY, WHICH ALWAYS GETS MY GOAT. WE HAVE ITEM 54,
16 WHICH IS 2.5 MILLION FOR HEWLETT-PACKARD FOR SOME C.A.D. STUFF
17 THAT INTERFACES WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
18 BUT THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT JUST MADE A DEAL WITH MOTOROLA WITHOUT
20 REAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW
21 AND IT IS A BIG RED FLAG, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC ALWAYS GETS
22 SCREWED WHEN FINE TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNERS CAN'T BID FAIRLY AND
23 OPENER. ENGLANDER HAS BEEN TAKING MONEY -- ENGLANDER, KNABE
24 AND ALLEN -- LIKE CRAZY FROM THIS GROUP, BUT THEY'RE NOT
25 ALONE. IT'S REALLY A BUMMER. NOW, A SOLE SOURCE LIKE \$650,000

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1 A YEAR TO LONG BEACH TO HELP WITH H.I.V. WORK IS, OBVIOUSLY, A
2 LITTLE MORE PALATABLE, BUT I THINK A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
3 FOUNDATION PROBABLY HAS BELLYACHED ABOUT COMPETITION, AS WELL.
4 IT'S A REAL ISSUE. ITEM NUMBER 14, AS YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE
5 EQUITY OFFICE AND THE VOLUME AND OUTCOME DATA FOR THE SEXUAL
6 HARASSMENT, WHICH IS GREAT. THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AT IT AND
7 MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE A CLEAN, WELL-LIT PLACE TO, YOU
8 KNOW, SPEAK UP. THE L.A.P.D., WE JUST CRUNCHED SOME NUMBERS,
9 IN THE LAST 10 YEARS SPENT \$40 MILLION SETTling RETALIATION-
10 ALONE LAWSUITS. SO, THIS IS A CRAZY DISASTER WHERE EMPLOYEES
11 WHO ARE COPS ARE FEELING LIKE "I WANT TO SPEAK OUT" AND
12 THEY'RE TOLD YOU'RE RETALIATED AGAINST. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW
13 EFFECTIVE MS. WICKHAM'S SYSTEM IS OVER HERE, BUT IT'S REALLY,
14 REALLY BAD OVER THERE. AND ITEM 45 IS YOUR JOB ORDER
15 CONTRACTING. HERE'S ANOTHER, YOU BROKE THEM INTO \$500,000
16 CHUNKS THIS TIME, BUT NOW YOU'RE REFERENCING, THANK YOU, THE
17 APRIL 17, 2017 DISTURBING FINDINGS BY YOUR OWN AUDITOR-
18 CONTROLLER. JOB ORDER CONTRACTING IS GOOD BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH
19 UNTIL WE IMPROVE IT. ITEM 50, YOU HAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
20 REQUESTING \$10,000 TO GO UP AND HAVE A MANAGEMENT RETREAT, BUT
21 THEY ARE RESTRICTED FROM DOING SO OUT OF COUNTY, YET EVIDENTLY
22 THEY DON'T MIND BREAKING THEIR OWN COUNTY RULES, AND THEY DID
23 SO LAST YEAR, WHICH IS A BIG BUMMER, AND THE VOYAGER CARD, TO
24 WHICH THEY USED TO BUY GAS TO DRIVE UP THERE, THEY HAD A
25 SCANDAL IN THAT SPACE AND IT'S STILL NOT DISCLOSED, MS.

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1 WICKHAM -- I KNOW YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE LOOKING AT THIS -- WHAT
2 THEY ARE PAYING BACK IN TAXES. THAT IS A BIG, BIG BUMMER FOR
3 PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING PINNED AGAINST THE WALL BY THE D.A. ALL
4 THE TIME, SOMETIMES FOR NOT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE WORTHY OF SUCH
5 A CHARGE. 40 IS A.E.C.O.M. GROUP -- MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS LEFT THE
6 ROOM APPROPRIATELY FOR THAT -- CONSULTING A MILLION DOLLARS ON
7 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. ALONG WITH HARBOR-U.C.L.A., YOU HAVE A
8 PARTNERSHIP. THEY GET 500,000.00 44 IS 67 DIFFERNT INSTANCES
9 OF STREET-SWEEPER ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS IS TO PENALIZE
10 ANGELINOS RIGHT IN THE KEISTER EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND I CANNOT
11 BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HEARING OF SOME KIND. AND, YOU KNOW, ITEM
12 NUMBER 25, YOU'RE GOING TO FIX THE AUDIO MACHINE, SO YOU WON'T
13 BE ABLE TO SHUT PEOPLE DOWN INAPPROPRIATELY, FOR A MILLION AND
14 A HALF DOLLARS. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE CALL THE REMAINING
17 SPEAKERS.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW:** REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE HAS REQUESTED TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 4 AND 40. THOSE TWO ITEMS ARE
21 RELATED. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS
22 THE BOARD ON ITEM NUMBER 2: KAY MAGILL, GLORIA GONZALEZ,
23 DAYVON WILLIAMS, TAUHEEDAH SHAKUR, JOSE AGUILAR, AND PHAL SOK.
24 PLEASE COME FORWARD AS YOUR NAME WAS CALLED.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. WELCOME BACK.

2

3 **SHELAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. SHELAH
4 WARD, CHIEF COMMANDER, EMPRESS, GODDESS OF MY PEOPLE. IT'S
5 APPALLING THAT WE HAVE TO SIT HERE TO DISCUSS THINGS IN THE
6 FUTURE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOLIDIFIED IN THE PAST. PEOPLE
7 NEED TO DRINK WATER. PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE SOMEWHERE TO LIVE AND
8 ET CETERA. OUR LAND SIDE IS BURNING, RELENTLESSLY, AND THE
9 FIRES ARE BEING PUT OUT BY THE GRACES OF ALMIGHTY GOD. BUT WE
10 STILL NEED PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE. PEOPLE. HUMAN BEINGS.
11 NOT ANIMALS. PEOPLE IN THE LEIMERT PARK AREA, HOMELESSNESS,
12 PEOPLE THAT HAVE CARS THAT SLEEP IN THEM AND THAT ARE BEING
13 TICKETED BECAUSE OF SLEEPING IN THEIR CARS. THERE SHOULD BE
14 AREAS FOR THAT, LIKE YOU DO ANIMALS. YOU HAVE PARKS WHERE YOU
15 CAN TAKE YOUR ANIMAL AND YOUR ANIMAL CAN HAVE A PLACE TO ROAM
16 FREE AND NOT HAVE TO BE BOTHERED WITH IDIOSYNCRASIES COMING
17 FROM ANYWHERE OTHER THAN ITS OWNER OR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
18 THERE WITH IT. SO IT WOULD BEHOOVE YOU TO COME TOGETHER AND DO
19 SOMETHING AS A COUNCIL THAT WAS ELECTED TO HELP THE PEOPLE
20 HAVE FOOD, CLOTHES AND SHELTER AND NOT DO THINGS LIKE TICKET
21 THEM AND PUT THEM IN JAIL FOR SIMPLE THINGS. IF YOU WANT TO
22 HAVE A WORLD TO LIVE IN. SO.. THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID. THAT IS..
23 I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND. THIS TIME. THIS TIME. LET HIM GO.
24 AND LET ME JUST CLOSE MY EYES AND BOTHER WITH WHATEVER YOU
25 HAVE TO SAY THAT IS DIFFERENT THAT I'M NOT IN IT. BEWARE OF

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1 WHAT I HAVE TO SAY TOWARDS GOD ALMIGHTY. [INAUDIBLE] FOREVER
2 AND EVER, AMEN.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **DAVON WILLIAMS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS. AS A MEMBER
7 OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF
8 JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO ENSURE COMMUNITY
9 REPRESENTATION, PARTICULARLY BY THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY
10 IMPACTED. IT IS UNJUST TO HAVE A MAJORITY OF THE J.J.C.C STATE
11 FUNDS GO TO LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTEAD OF THE COMMUNITY,
12 ATTACKING THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY, WHICH INCLUDES THE
13 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, L.A.P.D., AND THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HOW CAN THEY BE THE ONES TRYING TO TAKE
15 CARE OF THINGS AND THEY ARE HARRASSING AND ATTACKING OUR
16 COMMUNITY? MAYBE ALL STATE FUNDS GO TO THEM FOR YOUTH AND
17 REENTRY. WRONG. NOW, AS A PERSON WHO IS A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH
18 AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED, ALSO WAS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, I
19 BELIEVE IT IS URGENT THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE REPRESENTING US WHO
20 ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THESE THINGS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** HI. I CAME TO SPEAK ON 2. THE BOARD
25 MEMBERS THAT YOU HAVE FOR J.J.C.C., I'M WONDERING HOW MANY OF

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1 THEM ARE YOUNG PEOPLE? I DON'T SEE THE SET AMOUNT OF YOUTH.
2 HOW MANY YOUTH DO YOU HAVE FOR J.J.C.C. FOR THIS BOARD? HOW
3 MANY HAVE YOU CONSIDERED? THAT'S A QUESTION, I'M SAYING. I
4 NEED AN ANSWER.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE DON'T DO QUESTION AND
7 ANSWER DURING TESTIMONY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, SO, IF YOU DON'T HAVE
10 YOUNG PEOPLE ALREADY CONSIDERED, I THINK THAT SHOULD BE THE
11 FIRST AND FOREMOST THING, AT LEAST TO HAVE AT LEAST 36 OF
12 THEM, YOU KNOW, 3 FOR EACH AREA, ESPECIALLY SOUTH L.A., WHERE
13 YOU NEED AT LEAST 6, EAST L.A., 6, AND EVERYWHERE ELSE CAN
14 SURVIVE WITH THREE OR FOUR. IF YOU GUYS ARE UTILIZING THE SAME
15 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN WORKING, PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
16 TERRY MCDONALD, I WISH WHO WAS HERE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THESE
17 ARE THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED RIGHT NOW.
18 MANCHESTER AND VERMONT AREA IS EXACTLY THE LOCATION WHERE WE
19 WANT TO HAVE A REFORM CENTER, A RESOURCE CENTER, A TECHNOLOGY
20 CENTER, A PLACE WHERE THE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GO AND EITHER
21 CREATE MUSIC, DANCE, DO SOMETHING SIMPLE WHERE THEY'RE NOT
22 BEING OPPRESSED. YOU HAVE D.C.F.S., YOU HAVE THE MAYOR'S
23 OFFICE, POLICE DEPARTMENT. YOU HAVE ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT WERE
24 THERE FOR YEARS AND HAVEN'T DONE WHAT THEY CAN TO CRACK THE
25 SURFACE, OR ELSE L.A. WOULD NOT BE NUMBER 1 IN INCARCERATIONS,

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1 HOMELESSNESS AND VIOLENCE. THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
2 SOMETHING WAS NOT WORKING. AND TO GET REPRESENTATIVES FROM
3 THESE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM WITHOUT
4 PROPER TRAINING, SUCH AS E.C.P.R. OR LINGUISTIC PROGRAMMING OR
5 SOME KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH COMPASSIONATE CARE COMPONENT TO
6 HELP DE-ESCALATE SITUATIONS, INSTEAD THEY AGGRAVATE SITUATIONS
7 BY TALKING DOWN TO CLIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED MOST OF THEIR
8 LIVES, KIDS WHO HAVE CRACKHEAD MOMS AND DADS IN JAIL AND
9 TRYING TO DODGE BULLETS BY GOING HOME. THEY WANT TO BE BROUGHT
10 TO THE TABLE SO THEY CAN TELL YOU WHAT WILL WORK FOR THEM. BUT
11 THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED YET, AND I'M HOPING THAT THIS J.J.C.C.
12 BOARD IS MADE UP OF LIVED- EXPERIENCE CLIENTS, PARTICULARLY
13 MILLENNIALS. I NEED TO SEE MORE MILLENNIALS AT THE TABLE. I AM
14 TIRED OF LOOKING AT BABY BOOMERS AND GENERATION X. THAT'S MY
15 ERA. YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THE GOOD MUSIC THAT THE 80S AND
16 90S HAVE, BUT IT'S NOT APPLYING TO THE RESOURCES TO RESOLVE
17 THE MAJOR ISSUE OF DEPRESSION, OF VIOLENCE THAT IS PLAGUING
18 OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE TO, YOU KNOW,
19 SING THE SAME SONG, YOU KNOW, LIKE A BROKEN RECORD. WE HAVE A
20 PROPERTY LOCATION. WE HAVE SEVERAL PROPERTIES THAT WE'D LIKE
21 TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT WE CAN HAVE A HEADQUARTERS WHERE
22 THE JUSTICE JUVENILE CENTER PROGRAMS IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE
23 EXPERIENCING THE PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2 ANYONE AT A MICROPHONE MAY SPEAK.

3

4 **TAUHEEDAH SHAKUR:** GOOD EVENING, Y'ALL. MY NAME'S TAUHEEDAH

5 SHAKUR. I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AS

6 ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAS WORKED HARD ON THIS PROCESS

7 FOR OVER A YEAR, WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE THIS

8 PROCESS FORWARD. OBVIOUSLY, I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS

9 MOTION. AS THIS MOTION MOVES FORWARD, I WOULD STRONGLY URGE

10 YOU TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY HAS A SAY IN WHO REPRESENTS US.

11 ALSO, MAKE SURE THAT FAMILIES THAT ARE SYSTEM-IMPACTED, LIKE

12 ME WHO HAS HAD A FATHER THAT WAS IMPRISONED FOR OVER A DECADE,

13 MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE THAT SHARE MY EXPERIENCES HAVE A VOICE

14 IN SELECTING A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS PROCESS. THANK

15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,

18 PLEASE.

19

20 **GLARIA GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLORIA, AND I'M

21 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I JUST WANTED TO URGE YOU

22 ALL TO PLEASE VOTE YES AND ADOPT THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU

23 FOR MAKING THIS MOTION HAPPEN. SO, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE

24 COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES RIGHT AND SHARE

25 THEIR EXPERIENCES AND SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES, OUR STORIES AND

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1 SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH AND WHAT OUR
2 FAMILY HAS BEEN THROUGH AND WHAT WE HAVE SEEN, YOU KNOW,
3 REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER CITY YOU'RE IN IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, I
4 JUST THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE
5 TABLE AND BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS SO THAT THEY CAN BETTER
6 UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON AND BETTER UNDERSTAND ALTERNATIVES
7 AND THE SOLUTIONS THAT ACTUALLY EXIST IN THEIR COUNTY AND FOR
8 OUR VOICES TO ACTUALLY BE HEARD AND NOT JUST BE SEEN AS
9 TROUBLE MAKERS BUT ACTUALLY BE SEEN AS YOUNG PEOPLE THAT BRING
10 EXPERTISE TO THIS SUBJECT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **JOSE AGUILAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSE AGUILAR. I'M
15 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO
16 VOTE YES AND GIVE THE COMMUNITY AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED
17 YOUTH LIKE MYSELF A VOICE IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **PHAL SOK:** PHAL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AS WELL.
22 I JUST WANT TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF OUR YOUTH. YOU KNOW,
23 ONCE UPON A TIME, I WAS ONE OF THOSE YOUTH, AS WELL, YOU KNOW,
24 UNTIL I MADE SOME VERY POOR CHOICES AND ENDED UP BEING TRIED
25 AS AN ADULT AND GOING AWAY FOR QUITE A WHILE. AND SO, IF

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1 ANYBODY CAN UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF CHOICES AS A YOUTH,
2 IT'S PEOPLE THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SYSTEM. AND US AT
3 Y.J.C., WE ARE ALL SYSTEM-IMPACTED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, EITHER
4 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WHETHER IT'S FAMILY OR FRIENDS. AND
5 SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE BRING TO THIS TABLE AT ALL TIMES
6 IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS PERSONALLY WITH
7 OUR LIVES. AND SO, WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR REPRESENTATION TO BE
8 A PART OF THE PROCESS THAT WE CAN SPEAK AND CAN SHARE THOSE
9 EXPERIENCES AND TO BE HEARD, BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, WE WANT TO
10 MOVE AWAY FROM THE IDEA OF SUPPRESSION TO THE IDEA OF
11 PREVENTION, AND THAT'S OUR ULTIMATE GOAL OF Y.J.C. SO, WE DO
12 WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND WE WOULD ASK YOU TO ALLOW
13 COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HAVE MORE INPUT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. KIM MCGILL FROM THE
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I ALSO WANT TO ECHO WHAT EVERYBODY IS
19 SAYING THAT THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY HISTORIC DAY, TO THINK THAT
20 FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, L.A. COUNTY HAS LED THE NATION AND
21 THE WORLD IN INCARCERATION, INCLUDING HAVING THE LARGEST JAIL
22 SYSTEM, THE LARGEST JUVENILE HALL SYSTEM, AND THE LARGEST
23 PROBATION AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS IN THE WORLD. AND WE'RE
24 FINALLY TAKING BABY STEPS, CERTAINLY, BUT IMPORTANT STEPS
25 TOWARD HAVING A COMMUNITY VOICE IN THE VISION FOR PUBLIC

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1 SAFETY THAT'S BROADER THAN JUST SUPPRESSION. I THINK IT'S
2 IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT IF WE HAD A COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE
3 STATUS OF AFRICAH-AMERICANS BUT ONLY HAD WHITE PEOPLE SERVING
4 ON IT, WOULD THAT BE TOLERATED? IF WE HAD A COUNTY COMMISSION
5 ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN BUT HAD ONLY MEN SERVING ON IT, IT
6 WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. BUT AGAIN, FOR NOW OVER 100 YEARS,
7 L.A. COUNTY HAS NOT ONLY LED THE NATION BUT ALSO THE WORLD IN
8 THE SUPPRESSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND HAS DETERMINED JUVENILE
9 JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICIES WITHOUT ANYONE IMPACTED
10 AT THE TABLE. TODAY IS HISTORIC CHANGE IN THAT DIRECTION, THAT
11 PEOPLE IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION AND OUR FAMILIES WILL HAVE A
12 VOICE AT THE TABLE AS VOTING MEMBERS TO NOT ONLY DETERMINE
13 POLICY BUT ALSO FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH
14 FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS MCGILL. ANY FURTHER
17 SPEAKERS, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW:** THAT CONCLUDES EVERYONE WHO'S REQUESTED TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOT HELD BY A
21 SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
24 SHOULD PROBABLY VOTE ON THOSE.

25

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1 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS 2, 3,
2 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 34, 35, 38, 39, 40,
3 44, 45, 50, 54, 59, 60, 60-F, AS AMENDED, AND 69. 66-5 AS
4 AMENDED AND 69.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, ALL OF THOSE ITEMS ARE APPROVED. MADAME EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, WHAT'S NEXT?

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
12 FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO BE
13 PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA,
14 BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND I DON'T KNOW
19 WHO WOULD BE LEAD ON THIS ON. I'M GOING TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL.
20 LAST NIGHT I WAS NOTIFIED THAT ALISO CANYON HAD ANOTHER LEAK,
21 AND I'M BEING HEARD -- I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT IT CAME FROM AN APP
22 THAT WAS INITIATED BY SOMEONE, A RESIDENT AND NOT DISCLOSED BY
23 THE GAS COMPANY. AND I DON'T KNOW FACT VERSUS FICTION. SO I
24 WOULD ASK THAT IF YOU COULD BRIEF US IN TERMS OF WHAT RIGHTS
25 WE THE COUNTY HAVE IN TERMS OF NOTIFICATION ON THIS, TIMELY

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1 NOTIFICATION. AND THEN I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD BE PUBLIC
2 HEALTH, BUT ONE OF THE CONCERNS WAS ALLOWING REINJECTION. AND
3 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS LEAK WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF A
4 REINJECTION. AND SO I'D ASK FOR A REPORT BACK REGARDING THIS.
5 AND, AGAIN, I KNOW WE'VE GOT A LEGAL CASE PENDING. THAT'S WHY
6 I'M LOOKING TO COUNTY COUNSEL, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
7 MISINFORMATION OR PERCEPTION BECOMES REALITY, AND IN THE
8 COMMUNITY, THEY ARE VERY NERVOUS, BECAUSE IT WAS ABOUT THIS
9 TIME OF YEAR TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THEIR LIVES WERE DISRUPTED.
10 AND SO I JUST WANT TO GET A HANDLE ON WHAT IS GOING ON OUT
11 THERE.

12

13 **MARY WICKHAM:** OF COURSE, SUPERVISOR. WE'LL LOOK INTO IT. WE
14 HAVE AN AMAZING GROUP. I'LL FIND OUT AND GET BACK TO YOU, BACK
15 TO THE BOARD ON THE STATUS.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL PIECE OF
20 INFORMATION THAT I GOT YESTERDAY ABOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
21 AND I THINK SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO ALISO CANYON. THE PUBLIC
22 UTILITIES COMMISSION SENT US A KIND OF -- I JUST DON'T KNOW
23 HOW ELSE TO PUT IT -- SNARKY LETTER ABOUT HOW WE ARE
24 POTENTIALLY NOT PROVIDING ENOUGH NATURAL GAS TO COVER NEW
25 HOOKUPS, AND I THINK IT WAS AN -- NOT UNDERHANDED BUT SORT OF

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1 LEFT-HANDED WAY OF SAYING, YOU KNOW, SHUTTING THIS DOWN
2 BECAUSE OF THOSE SILLY LEAKS, YOU'RE NOT FULFILLING YOUR
3 RESPONSIBILITY. AND I THINK THE LETTER WAS DIRECTED TO YOU,
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, AND THEY SAID THAT
5 THEY WERE NOT GOING TO GRANT NEW HOOKUPS TO COMMERCIAL AND
6 INDUSTRIAL APPLICANTS BECAUSE OF IT. AND IT OCCURRED TO ME
7 THAT PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS IS NOT EXACTLY, YOU
8 KNOW, LESS THAN JOB ONE, WHICH IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, AND
9 FOR THEM TO SAY, OH, YOU SHOULD JUST LET THEM HAVE FREE REIGN
10 NO MATTER HOW MANY LEAKS THERE ARE BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT
11 PROVIDING ENOUGH GAS, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOMETHING ELSE WE
12 WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER, BUT --

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, AND, ACTUALLY, WE WOULD REFER THAT
15 DOWN TO COUNTY COUNSEL TO TAKE A LOOK AT. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S
16 EASY FOR A GROUP TO SIT UP IN SACRAMENTO AND NOT HAVE TO BE
17 HELD ACCOUNTABLE OR SPEAK OR SEE PEOPLE THAT ARE DIRECTLY
18 IMPACTED. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK TO ENSURE
19 SAFETY. I THINK THAT'S AN OBLIGATION NOT ONLY THAT WE HAVE AS
20 A BOARD BUT ALSO THE P.U.C. SO, WE'VE SENT THE LETTER TO
21 COUNTY COUNSEL TO TAKE A LOOK AT, BECAUSE I FEEL THAT IT IS
22 PUNITIVE AND PUNISHING. AND, YOU KNOW, I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU ALL
23 WITH THIS. LAST YEAR THE SKY WAS FALLING WITH THE GAS COMPANY
24 A NUMBER OF TIMES WHERE THEY SAID THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO,
25 YOU KNOW, CURTAIL THE USE, AND THEN THEY SAID OOPS, SORRY, NO,

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1 WE'RE OKAY. SO, MY LEVEL OF TRUST RIGHT NOW IS NOT REAL DEEP
2 WHEN IT COMES TO THE GAS COMPANY, ESPECIALLY WHEN I FIND OUT
3 THERE'S A LEAK IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITY IS NOTIFIED
4 AN HOUR AFTER THE COMMUNITY HAD ALREADY BROUGHT IT UP AS AN
5 ISSUE.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM.
8 IT'S A REQUEST TO COUNTY COUNSEL FOR INFORMATION. SO, WE WILL
9 LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THAT INFORMATION. I BELIEVE NOW WE
10 MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW:** YES, MA'AM. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
13 TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE
15 WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION. THE FOLLOWING
16 INDIVIDUALS HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK. MR. ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE
17 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU. DARRELL KRUSE, JOHN
18 WALSH, MARILYN ECHOLS, PAMELA TAMBURINO, PETER OROPEZA, RED
19 CHIEF HUNT, ROBERT GREEN, HERMAN HERMAN, SHELAH WARD, AND
20 WAYNE SPINDLER.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MR. PREVEN, YOU'RE UP
23 FIRST.

24

25 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SAME TO YOU.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE OLD BOARD
5 RULES. THERE'S A CATEGORY CALLED ITEMS HELD BY A BOARD MEMBER.
6 THIS WOULD MEAN AN ITEM THAT YOU, ONE OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORS,
7 HAS DECIDED WAS SOMETHING TO SPEAK ON, BUT THE OVERALL
8 ALLOTMENT FOR SPEAKERS IS ANOTHER THING. AND APPARENTLY, IF
9 SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM THAT YOU HAVE HELD,
10 THEY RECEIVE IN THE AGGREGATE LESS TIME THAN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
11 WANTS TO SPEAK ON 60 ITEMS, LIKE I DO SOMETIMES. I DON'T WANT
12 TO SPEAK ON 60, BUT I WANT THE SPEAK ON 12, AND IT'S VERY
13 HARD. SO, I WOULD ASK YOU TO LOOK AT THE BOARD RULES THAT WERE
14 INSTITUTED IN THE LAST CYCLE AND RESUME A KIND OF EQUITABLE
15 DISTRIBUTION WHERE ITEMS ARE NOT WEIGHTED HEAVIER BECAUSE
16 SUPERVISORS LIKE THEM AND, THEREFORE, PUBLIC CAN SPEAK,
17 WHEREAS IF THE PUBLIC JUST WANTS TO HOLD IT, BECAUSE I THINK
18 THE BROWN ACT SAYS THAT THE PUBLIC, IN TERMS OF HOLDING ITEMS,
19 IT'S THE SAME. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT, AND IT'S A BUMMER TO
20 HAVE TO SPEND ANY TIME TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT THAT'S WHAT I'VE
21 HAD TO DO. UNDER THE CATEGORY OF THE LIBRARY NAME CHANGE,
22 GREAT NEWS. I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO LOWER IT DOWN TO L.A.
23 LIBRARY. YOU KNOW, I'M STILL SICK TO MY STOMACH, DESPITE THE
24 GREAT GESTURE TO NOT CHARGE FOR PENALTIES IN THE EARLY STAGES
25 OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT, ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

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1 AND WE'VE LOOKED EVEN MORE CLOSELY AND WE, AS I POINTED OUT
2 LAST WEEK, FOUND THAT THE AMERICAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM HAS
3 SUGGESTED ONLY WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND CHANGE THAT. I MEAN, I
4 DON'T WANT TO MAKE A BIG MESS, BUT GEORGE LUCAS, WHO HAS BEEN
5 GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT IN EXPOSITION PARK ANOTHER MUSEUM
6 ABOUT NARRATIVE STORYTELLING, HAS NOT EVEN CONFIRMED YET, AND
7 I WOULD ASK FOR A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO MR. LUCAS, WHO MADE
8 A GAZILLION DOLLARS YESTERDAY -- AND WE'RE ALL EXCITED ABOUT
9 STAR WARS -- TO PERMIT PEOPLE INTO THE MUSEUM WITHOUT CHARGE.
10 THAT IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE CONCEPT. HE IS THE RICHEST MAN IN THE
11 WORLD. MAYOR GARCETTI BENT OVER SO FAR BACKWARDS THAT HIS HEAD
12 PRACTICALLY TOUCHED THE GROUND TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. SOMEONE
13 HAS TO PICK UP THE COST SO ANGELINOS ARE NOT TAGGED TO GO TO
14 MUSEUMS. THANKS.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **DARRELL KRUSE:** THANK YOU. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. ON NOVEMBER
19 23RD, 2010, GLORIA MOLINA, REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF YOUR
20 ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES, SHE CALLED CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COUNTY
21 COUNSEL BAD ACTORS. SHE WAS RIGHT. THEY STILL DID NOT ENFORCE.
22 I'VE HEARD DON KNABE SAY THEY ENFORCED, BUT HE'S A LIAR. THEY
23 DID NOT ENFORCE. AND IN 2015, I CONTACTED TREASURY TAX
24 COLLECTION AND BUSINESS LICENSE. I TALKED TO THEM, AND,
25 SURPRISINGLY, THEY DECIDED TO WORK WITH ME ON MY APPLICATION

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1 FOR A DISPENSARY. AND THEY WERE OFFERING HELP TO DOZENS OF
2 DISPENSARIES THAT WERE OPERATING WITHOUT BUSINESS LICENSES.
3 UNBELIEVABLY, THE GOVERNMENT WORKER DID NOT KNOW THAT
4 DISPENSARIES WERE BANNED. THEY HAD ONLY BEEN BANNED FOR FIVE
5 YEARS. HOW COULD HE KNOW? AND HE WAS IN CHARGE OF IT. PLEASE
6 REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
7 HEARING OF AUGUST 2015. I ASKED YOU TO LOOK AT THAT BEFORE,
8 BUT I KNOW YOU DON'T DO THAT. HE TOLD THE BOARD AT THAT
9 MEETING THAT THEY SHOULD EXPECT APPLICATIONS FROM MY
10 DISPENSARY SOON. NOW 22 MONTHS LATER, IN JUNE OF 2017 AT THE
11 BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION, HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD
12 NO IDEA THERE WAS A BAN UNTIL SIX MONTHS EARLIER. WHAT
13 HAPPENED TO THE OTHER 12 MONTHS, AFTER HE WAS TRYING TO HELP
14 EVERYBODY GET A DISPENSARY? IN FACT, HE TOLD THE COMMISSION ON
15 THAT DAY THAT HE HAD HELPED AT LEAST 12 DISPENSARIES BEFORE HE
16 FOUND OUT THEY WERE BANNED. BUT THE REAL KICKER IS THIS: HE IS
17 THE COMMISSION'S EXPERT ON THIS SUBJECT, AND HE KEEPS THEM
18 INFORMED. TALK ABOUT THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND. SO, I'D LIKE
19 MORE TIME TO FINISH WITH THIS FOOL, BUT I GUESS I CAN COME
20 BACK ANOTHER DAY. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU WOULD BE WELCOME ANOTHER DAY.
23 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
2 I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU. MISS HAHN HAS A NEW STAFF MEMBER, DANA
3 GARCETTI, THE MAYOR'S SISTER. NOW, THE TIMES ISN'T PRINTING
4 THIS STORY, BECAUSE JANICE HAHN DOESN'T WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW
5 THAT SHE'S PAYING THE MAYOR'S SISTER \$85,000 A YEAR TO HANG
6 OUT IN SANTA MONICA. AS WE ALL KNOW, SHE WAS FIRST A DEPUTY
7 PROSECUTOR FOR THE COUNTY. THEN SHE GOT BOUNCED FROM THAT JOB.
8 SHE LOST HER -- DANA GARCETTI BOLDT LOST HER JOB, SO SHE
9 BECAME AN ACUPUNCTURIST. AND INCIDENTALLY, IF YOU ALL WANT
10 ACUPUNCTURE, SHE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU, HER STAFF MEMBER, FOR 5
11 PERCENT OFF. AND I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW THAT WHEN THE MAYOR
12 SHAKES HIS CUTE LITTLE ASS AT THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES, SHELBY
13 COFFEY, HE CAN GET ANY STORY KILLED, AND HE GOT THIS STORY
14 KILLED. I WANT TO KNOW HOW SHE GOT THE JOB, WHAT SHE'S DOING,
15 AND AS LONG AS GAY-AS-A-GOOSE EDITORS AT THE TIMES FALL FOR
16 THE MAYOR'S CUTE LITTLE FLIRTATIONS, THEN WE WILL NEVER FIND
17 OUT WHAT THE MAYOR -- NOW, MAYBE I'M LYING. ALL SHE HAS TO SAY
18 IS, MR. WALSH, YOU'RE FULL OF [EXPLETIVE]. ABSOLUTELY NO. SHE
19 DOESN'T WORK FOR ME. SHE NEVER WORKED FOR ME. THE MAYOR'S
20 SISTER IS GOD KNOWS WHERE. ALL SHE HAS TO DO IS SAY THAT.
21 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE. ANYBODY IN FRONT OF A MIC.

25

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1 **MARILYN ECHOLS:** HI, MY NAME IS MARILYN ELLISON ECHOLS. I WORK
2 FOR L.A. COUNTY PROBATION, WORKED FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
3 ALMOST 10 YEARS. I'M HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF
4 MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH MY DAUGHTER, WHO DID NOT HAVE
5 THE RESOURCES TO GET HELP DURING A CRISIS TIME IN JUNE. SHE
6 TOOK HER LIFE. AND BECAUSE I FOUND THINGS IN HER WRITING AFTER
7 THE FACT THAT SHE HAD NOBODY TO TALK TO, NO WHERE TO TURN, AND
8 ME BEING TRAINED IN SUICIDE PREVENTION, WE TAKE IT TWICE A
9 YEAR, EVERY YEAR, I'M NOT SEEING THE ACTUAL RESOURCES IN THE
10 JUVENILE HALL, IN THE CAMPS, OR EVEN OUTSIDE FOR HER, EVEN
11 ANYTHING OUTSIDE FOR HER TO GO TO, TO CALL, SOMEBODY TO COME
12 AND TO RESCUE HER OR GIVE HER -- SHE HAD NOWHERE TO TURN. AND
13 SHE HID THAT FROM ME, BECAUSE I DID KNOW THE SIGNS OF SUICIDE.
14 SO, I'M JUST ASKING THAT WE RAISE AWARENESS WITH MORE
15 RESOURCES FOR KIDS TO ATTEND AND HAVE OTHER ACTIVITIES AND
16 PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN TURN TO FOR SUPPORT WHEN THEY ARE IN
17 THOSE TYPES OF CRISES. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY SORRY FOR
20 YOUR LOSS, AS ALWAYS, AND I WILL. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **ROBERT GREEN:** I'M ROBERT GREEN. TWENTY-FIRST OF NOVEMBER,
24 SOMEBODY PUT BRIAN VALENTINE'S NAME ON THE THING TO GO INTO
25 THE WATER DISTRICT UP THERE. BUT BRIAN VALENTINE AND HIS WIFE

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1 ARE IN THE WATER DISTRICT BACK IN 2011, AND THEY'VE GOT LIKE A
2 MOTHER, HUSBAND AND WIFE IN THERE. I DON'T THINK THE HUSBAND
3 AND WIFE SHOULD BE ON THE WATER BOARD. AND HER BOYFRIEND'S ON
4 THE WATER BOARD, TOO, NOW. I DON'T LIKE THAT AT ALL. AND I
5 THINK SOMEBODY SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT. AND I GOT A LETTER
6 FROM THE WATER DISTRICT AND I TURNED THEM IN FOR FIRE HYDRANT
7 BEING COVERED BY WEEDS. AND THEY DIDN'T SIGN THE LETTER, BUT I
8 GOT THE LETTER. I GOT ALL THE EVIDENCE RIGHT HERE IN THESE
9 ENVELOPES, THE PICTURES AND ALL. AND I'LL TELL YOU, I'M TIRED.
10 I LIVED THERE 27 YEARS. I SEEN THAT WATER BOARD BEING
11 CONTROLLED BY THREE PEOPLE AND THE OTHER TWO PEOPLE. AND THEN
12 PEOPLE LEFT BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THEIR SIDE IN. AND I
13 THINK IT'S A SHAME. AND I AM A COWBOY, THE TRUE COWBOY TYPE,
14 AND I ROPE AND RIDE AND I HAD MY OWN HORSES I HAD A QUARTER
15 HORSE. HE WORKED LIKE A CHAMP. I'M GOING TO BE 77 IN APRIL. I
16 WEIGHED 310 POUNDS AT ONE TIME. I AM AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF
17 216 POUNDS. AND I WATCH WHAT I EAT AND BEHAV MYSELF. AND MY
18 NEIGHBORS THOUGHT I WAS THE BEST MAN IN THE WORLD, BECAUSE
19 THEY HAD DAUGHTERS AND I NEVER BOTHERED THEM AND THOSE
20 DAUGHTERS LOVE ME LIKE A FATHER. AND I TELL YOU, I AM HAPPY
21 ABOUT MY LIFE AND I GOT MY FRIENDS AND THEIR DAUGHTERS AND
22 SONS THE WORLD. AND I WAS A TOP MAN AT LOCKHEED.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **PETER OROPEZA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PETER OROPEZA. I'VE BEEN HERE

3 GOING ON EIGHT YEARS. I'M VERY DISGUSTED ON HOW OUR COMMUNITY

4 HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SOCIETY. YOU SEE A LOT OF GOOD GUYS WITH

5 CREDENTIALS AND DOING WRONG TO OUR COMMUNITY. AS YOU CAN SEE,

6 SOME ARE INCARCERATED NOW. I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO SPECIFIC,

7 BUT D.C.F.S. HAS GOT A REALLY BAD WAY OF HANDLING THEIR

8 AFFAIRS. I THINK YOU GUYS NEED TO HIRE SOME FOLKS TO RE-

9 LICENSE TO LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON, BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN ARE

10 AT RISK, AND IT'S GOING TO BE A CHAIN REACTION EVENTUALLY.

11 THESE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO HAVE HATRED AND THEY ARE GOING TO

12 COME AT YOU GUYS AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BIG PROBLEM. I

13 KNOW THAT FROM HEARING ALL THIS GREATNESS OF CERTIFICATES OF

14 EVERYONE AND EVERYONE IS COMING OVER HERE PRAYING AND DOING

15 THE ALL THIS GREATNESS, BUT WE HAVE TO BE REALLY HONEST. IF WE

16 REALLY LOVE OUR CITY, WE'VE GOT TO REALLY START PAYING

17 ATTENTION TO WHAT WE'RE DOING TO OUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE THAT'S

18 THE FUTURE. AND IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THAT, WE ARE GOING TO

19 HAVE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND THE CITY IS GOING TO BE IN BIG

20 TROUBLE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M EXPERIENCING. THE LATEST

21 THAT I'M HERE FOR IS MY KIDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE I'VE

22 GONE EVERYWHERE TO GET HELP AND RESOURCES AND NOBODY WANTS TO

23 HELP OUT. EVERYONE'S NOT DOING THEIR JOB RIGHT. I HAVE

24 PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS, LETTERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS GIVING THEIR

25 TESTIMONIES TO THE COURTS AND THE CHILDREN'S ATTORNEYS AND

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1 D.C.F.S. AND NOBODY'S PAYING ATTENTION. NOW WE HAVE A GROWN
2 MAN THAT IS AROUND MY CHILDREN, TWO, THREE, MEN. THEY'RE NOT
3 THE FATHER. I'VE BEEN TAKING ALL MY RIGHTS AWAY FROM ME. I SEE
4 MY KIDS OCCASIONALLY. SO, NOW I HAVE A 29-YEAR-OLD MAN BEATING
5 UP MY 11-YEAR-OLD BOY, BUSTED HIS NOSE OR HIS LIPS. THIS
6 HAPPENED SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. MY BOY JUST TOLD ME THIS IN
7 NOVEMBER DURING THE HOLIDAYS. AND HE TOLD ME HE GOT HIS ASS
8 KICKED BY THIS MAN, BECAUSE HE TRIED TO DEFEND HIS LITTLE
9 BROTHER. AND THIS GROWN MAN IS OUT AND ABOUT DOING THIS. I
10 THINK, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR SOCIETY? WE NEED THE LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT TO REALLY STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING AND PUT THESE
12 [EXPLETIVE] BEHIND BARS AND PEOPLE NEED TO DO THEIR JOB.
13 THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY. BUT IF YOU GUYS WANT TO SEE THE
14 VIDEOS AND TALK TO ME, I'M WILLING TO SHARE AND DISCUSS MORE
15 THINGS SO WE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS AND STRAIGHTEN
16 OUT OUR CITY THE RIGHT WAY.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A D.C.F.S. WORKER WHO IS
19 HERE.

20

21 **PETER OROPEZA:** I NEED TO SPEAK TO A SUPERIOR OFFICER, BECAUSE
22 MOST OF THE PEOPLE I SPEAK WITH, THEY JUST LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M
23 SOME IGNORANT PERSON, THAT I'M LIKE CRAZY OR SOMETHING. I'M
24 NOT THAT WAY. I'M A DESIGNER. I'VE DONE A LOT OF GREAT THINGS
25 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY STATUS. I

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1 CARE ABOUT MY KIDS. SO, IF ANYONE WANTS TO STEP UP TO THE
2 PLATE AND HELP ME, AN OFFICER OR A CONGRESSMAN OR WHOMEVER,
3 THE EVIDENCE IS RIGHT THERE. LET'S DO SOMETHING. LET'S NOT
4 JUST SIT AND PLAY AROUND OUR FINGERS. LET'S DO SOMETHING.
5 [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I FEEL SORRY FOR
6 THOSE CHILDREN. I ALREADY GAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION. HERE'S THE
7 ADDRESS.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** CAN WE ASK YOU WHERE YOU LIVE, SIR?

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11 **PETER OROPEZA:** EXCUSE ME?

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13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE, SIR?

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15 **PETER OROPEZA:** I'M ACTUALLY LIVING IN SANTA MONICA IN MY
16 FRIEND'S HOME AND I ACTUALLY COMMUTE IN TEMECULA AND SOMETIMES
17 I STAY IN MY CAR, LIKE SOME OF THE HOMELESS I'VE BEEN HEARING
18 THAT GET CITED.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** JUST THE AREA IS ALL WE WERE
21 INTERESTED IN, ALL RIGHT?

22

23 **PETER OROPEZA:** ANYWAYS, I DID JUST COME HERE, AND MY SPIRIT IS
24 BROKEN.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL TRY TO UNTANGLE WHAT WE
2 CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **PETER OROPEZA:** I'M WALKING OUT. YOU GUYS DO YOUR JOB.

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** JUST STAY IN THE FRONT ROW.

7

8 **PETER OROPEZA:** I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU GUYS ANYMORE.

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN DON'T TALK TO ANYBODY.
11 BUT THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **PAMELA TAMBURINO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PAMELA TAMBURINO. I LIVE
14 AT -- SOUTH CORONADO. BACK IN JANUARY 7TH IN 2017 -- I LIVE IN
15 A RESIDENTIAL HOTEL -- IN 2017, A PROGRAM MOVED IN CALLED
16 FIRST TO SERVE AND THEY FIRED THE ENTIRE STAFF. THEY DIDN'T
17 LET ANYBODY KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON AND IT TOOK ME ABOUT THREE
18 MONTHS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. BUT THEY HAVE DONE
19 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THE TENANTS THAT WERE LEFT OVER TO
20 LEAVE WITHOUT PAYING THEM ANY TYPE OF RELOCATION FEE OR
21 ACCOMMODATING THEM IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN OFFERING THEM ANOTHER
22 ROOM IN THE BUILDING, WHICH FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THEY ARE
23 ALL COVERED UNDER THE H FUND. I BELIEVE THEY ARE GETTING THE
24 MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR THE HOMELESS FUND. AND.. IT'S JUST
25 HORRIBLE. THE ROOMS THAT WE'RE LIVING IN IS DEPLORABLE, YOU

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1 KNOW. I'VE TRIED TO WORK THINGS OUT WITH THE STAFF, AND NOW
2 I'VE COME HERE TWICE. IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR. THEY CAME IN.
3 THEY DIDN'T HAVE BUILDING PERMITS. THEY'VE LIKE VIOLATED SO
4 MANY PEOPLE'S, SO MANY RIGHTS OF MINE AND THE OTHER PEOPLE
5 THAT ARE THERE. THEY DON'T HAVE BROKERS' LICENSES TO EVEN
6 COLLECT RENT OR TAKE RENT OR TO EVICT PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE
7 JUST BREAKING SO MANY CODES AND VIOLATIONS. AND NOW I'M FORCED
8 TO TAKE THEM TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT ON THE EIGHTH OF NEXT
9 MONTH. AND I'VE GOT A PRETTY SOLID CASE. BUT I WAS HOPING THAT
10 -- I CAME HERE TWICE. I WAS HOPING TO GET SOME HELP FROM YOU
11 GUYS WITH SOME TYPE OF HOUSING AND HELP US, RELOCATION OR
12 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. ACCORDING TO REVEREND REED, HE SAID I
13 WON'T BE GETTING A PENNY FROM THEM. AND SO, I'M JUST CONCERNED
14 ABOUT ALSO THE H FUND AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE PEOPLE THAT
15 YOU'RE GIVING IT TO. I THINK THAT'S IN QUESTION AND THAT
16 SHOULD BE EVALUATED. MY NAME IS PAMELA TAMBURINO. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO SOMEONE WHEN
19 YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE?

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21 **PAMELA TAMBURINO:** YES, I DID, AND I DIDN'T GET ANY HELP. THEY
22 WERE CONCERNED ABOUT IT BEING SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, AND THEY ARE
23 GOING BACK AND FORTH. THEY TAKE THE ROOMS OFF THE RENTAL
24 MARKET, BUT YET THEY HAVE US PAYING FOR ROOMS AT FAIR MARKET
25 PRICE THAT THE H FUND IS ALREADY COVERING.

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** LET'S SEE IF SOMEBODY FROM THE STAFF
3 CAN AT LEAST FOLLOW-UP WITH YOU ABOUT WHAT THE CURRENT
4 SITUATION IS THIS WEEK.

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6 **PAMELA TAMBURINO:** OTHERWISE, YEAH, IF I CAN'T GET ANY HELP,
7 THEN I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND PROCEED, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN
8 EVERYTHING FROM SEXUALLY HARASSED TO LIVING WITH BUGS AND
9 EVERYTHING IN MY ROOM. THEY WON'T HELP ME. THEY WON'T DO
10 ANYTHING FOR ME. THEY KEEP OFFERING TO PUT ME IN ANOTHER ROOM
11 IN THE BUILDING, WHICH IS NOT --

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** LET US HAVE THE STAFF PEOPLE TALK TO
14 YOU AND SEE IF WE CAN SORT IT OUT.

15

16 **PAMELA TAMBURINO:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **SHELAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. CHIEF
21 EMPRESS GODDESS SHELAH WARD. IF ANYONE OUT THERE CAN HELP ME
22 323 --, 323 --. I'VE BEEN HOMELESS OVER A YEAR. MY BEST FRIEND
23 WAS MURDERED IN THE APARTMENT THAT WE LIVED IN FROM MILDEW,
24 MOLD AND ALL KIND OF CRAP. THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
25 CAME IN, WAS SUPPOSED TO MOVE US TO A TWO-BEDROOM. INSTEAD,

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1 THE OWNER EVICTED US, WHEREAS -- LAY DOWN AND DIDN'T GET UP
2 OUT OF THE MISERY OF BEING TREATED LIKE SUCH A PLACE A PERSON
3 IN A PLACE CALLED A SO-CALLED AMERICA? I'VE BEEN SLEEPING IN
4 HIS CAR FOR OVER A YEAR. I HAVE GOTTEN NO HELP FROM ANYONE.
5 I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE GREATEST PERSON AMONGST MY PEOPLE IN
6 10,000 YEARS FROM DEVELOPING A PLACE CALLED CONGO SQUARE IN A
7 PLACE CALLED LEIMERT PARK THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE,
8 WHERE BLACKS ALL OVER THE WORLD COME TOGETHER IN PEACE AND
9 HARMONY AND PLAY MUSIC. I DID THE MOST POWERFUL THING IN THE
10 WORLD AND I'M BEING TREATED LIKE THE MOST HORRIBLE EVIL PERSON
11 EVER IN THIS PLANET, IN THIS PLANE, EVER, SLEEPING IN MY CAR
12 AT 67 YEARS OLD. HOMELESS. COLD. MY PRAYER IS THAT IT HAPPENS
13 TO ALL OF YOU, THAT ALL OF YOU IN YOUR FUTURE SLEEP IN YOUR
14 CARS BEFORE YOU TURN 67, THAT YOU BECOME HOMELESS, THAT YOU
15 LOSE SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY THAT'S CLOSE TO YOU, AND NO ONE
16 HELPS YOU EVER, THAT YOU ARE HUNGRY, THAT YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF
17 YOUR CAR WHEREVER YOU ARE, ALL NIGHT LONG, TO USE THE
18 BATHROOM. YOU HAVE TO USE IT THERE. I PRAY THIS FOR ALL OF
19 YOU, SINCE YOU PRAY IT FOR ME. I'VE BEEN COMING HERE OVER A
20 YEAR. I CAN'T GET HELP IN A COUNTRY CALLED AMERICA, AND I'VE
21 HELPED EVERYBODY AND STOPPED EVERYBODY FROM BURNING THE WORLD
22 DOWN.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, I'M WAYNE FROM ENCINO. YOU KNOW, THE
2 KITCHEN IS GETTING HOW. NOTICE, I HEARD THE BAD NEWS TODAY
3 THAT TI CITY ATTORNEY, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY -- IS ON EXTENDED
4 MEDICAL LEAVE. SO, THEY'RE DROPPING LIKE FLIES AT MR. FEUER'S
5 OFFICE, MIKE FEUER THE CRIMINAL, THE WAR CRIMINAL, SO, AS YOU
6 SEE, THE PAPERWORK CONTINUES TO MOUNT. SO, WHAT HAPPENED THIS
7 TIME IS THAT NOBODY WANTS TO TAKE THE CASE IN MIKE FEUER'S
8 OFFICE THAT THEY'RE DEFENDING AGAINST ME, SO THEY PUT THIS
9 POOR WOMAN BEHIND HER 2,000-PAGE FILE AND SHE CRIED, "I CAN'T
10 DO IT. I CAN'T ANSWER IT." SO, SHE GOES AND FILES A FRAUDULENT
11 EX PARTE MOTION, CITES THE WRONG LAW, AND PERJURES HERSELF.
12 SO, I WAS ONLY GIVEN UNTIL TODAY, NOON, 24 HOURS' NOTICE. YOU
13 THINK I'M GOING TO STOP? I'M YOUNGER. I'M STRONGER. I HAVE
14 MORE EXPERIENCE. AND I'M PISSED. SO I'M GOING TO WORK ON THIS
15 24/7, BECAUSE I CAN'T WORK MY JOB. I GOT NO CLIENTS. I GOT NO
16 INCOME. YOU WANTED ME. NOW, YOU TALK ABOUT DANA GARCETTI AND
17 MATT DABABNEH. SEE, HERB WESSON'S DISEASE IS SPREADING ALL
18 OVER THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY, ALL OVER THE PLACE. EVERYBODY'S
19 GETTING THIS DISEASE. AND IN FEBRUARY 2017, I OFFERED TO
20 SETTLE THE WHOLE THING, WALK AWAY, MOVE TO THE OTHER COUNTY,
21 NEVER TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN. WHAT DID THEY DO? WE'LL GET
22 BACK TO YOU, WAYNE. MARCH THE 30TH, SURROUND ME WITH 20 COPS
23 WITH MACHINE GUNS POINTED TO MY HEAD AND THEN FALSE CRIMINAL
24 CHARGES. SO, HEY, GARCETTI, HEY, MIKE FEUER, SETTLE MY CASE,
25 BECAUSE IT'S COMING UP. EVERY F.B.I. AGENT IN THE CITY WANTS

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1 TO KNOW WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED. I WANT TO GET MY SETTLEMENT. I
2 WANT TO GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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10 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. FOR THE RECORD, I WANT TO
11 EVALUATE THE YEAR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT YEAR.
12 WHEN I FIRST CAME IN HERE, I WAS VERY HOT, I WAS RED HOT, AND
13 THAT BROUGHT THE OUTFIT AND THE COSTUMES. NOW WE CHANGED THE
14 WHOLE ENVIRONMENT TO PEOPLE COMING IN HERE TALKING AND TRYING
15 TO MAKE CHANGE. IF YOU WANT TO BE ABOUT CHANGE, YOU GOT TO BE
16 ABOUT CHANGE. I WANT TO THANK SOME OF YOU GUYS WHO REALLY
17 UNDERSTOOD ME AS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE YEAR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
18 JANICE HAHN HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD ME. I'M TRYING TO GET A FEW
19 MORE SUPPORTERS ON MY TEAM, AS WELL, FOR NEXT YEAR. BUT I'VE
20 SEEN SOME THINGS THAT'S VERY WRONG. I HAD AN OFFICIAL FROM THE
21 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE COME AND TELL ME DON'T COME TO THE
22 MEETINGS AND DON'T EXPRESS MYSELF AND DON'T BE PUBLIC AND BE
23 VISIBLE. I'VE ALWAYS HAD AN ADVOCATE FROM THE PUBLIC
24 DEFENDER'S OFFICE AT THE TOP OF THE BRANCH. SO, WHAT I'M
25 REALLY SEEING NOW IS THAT IT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED, REALLY DONE

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1 AT YOU GUYS'S LEVEL, A NEW PUBLIC DEFENDER AND SOMEBODY THAT
2 KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PUBLIC. WHEN YOU'RE AN ADVOCATE AND
3 YOU ARE IN THE PUBLIC AND YOU HAVE AN APPOINTED OFFICIAL
4 TELLING YOU THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE SERVICES, THERE'S SOMETHING
5 WRONG WITH THAT. SO, I WANT TO MAKE THAT CHANGE FOR 2018. BUT
6 I WANT TO COMMEND YOU GUYS ON DOING A GOOD JOB, AS WELL, I
7 MEAN, IN THE WHOLE CHAMBER, PERIOD. I MEAN WE'VE COME A LONG
8 WAYS AND I JUST WANT TO SEE EVERYBODY GET SERVICES AND
9 EVERYBODY BE SERVICED. IT'S GOT TO BE SERVICE-ORIENTATED,
10 WHERE EVERYBODY, ALL THE HOMELESS IS WELL TAKEN CARE OF AND
11 THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S \$366 MILLION. A LOT OF THAT NEEDS TO GO
12 TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIKE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
13 SERVICES SO WE CAN GET THOSE PEOPLE JOBS AND OFF, OUT OF THE
14 COUNTY SYSTEM, WHICH WILL SAVE THE COUNTY A LOT MORE MONEY.
15 SO, IN 2018, WE HAVE A LOT TO ACCOMPLISH. GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPY
16 NEW YEAR.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** PLEASE CALL THE REMAINING SPEAKERS.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW:** REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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24 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND ATTENTION,
25 MISS JANICE HAHN. SEE IN MY HAND WHAT I HAVE? THIS IS WHAT'S

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1 HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD. THIS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
2 AMERICA. AND ALL BECAUSE I, AN ADVOCATE, SEEK TO ASSIST THE
3 NONDISABLED AND THE DISABLED UNDER REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS.
4 I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE DISCRIMINATED AND RETALIATED FROM
5 A JOB. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE NOT TO HAVE A JOB. THAT'S WHY I
6 ADVOCATE SO PASSIONATELY. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, AS YOU SEE IN MY
7 HAND, I HAVE A LETTER BEHIND THIS CARD AND IT SAYS "TO THE
8 RECIPIENT OF THIS LETTER" THAT IN ORDER FOR REASONABLE
9 ACCOMMODATIONS, YOU MUST SUBMIT MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION. WELL, I
10 HAVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE, A WORKER'S COMP ATTORNEY FIGHTING FOR
11 MY PLACE BACK TO THE JOB. AND I WANT THE WORLD TO SEE WHAT
12 IT'S LIKE TO BE UNATTENDED BY A.D.A. TITLE 2, TITLE 3
13 DISCRIMINATION. THIS IS IT. THIS IS AT ITS BEST. A PERSON, A
14 NON-DISABLED PERSON FIGHTING FOR THE A.D.A. OF ALL PEOPLE WITH
15 DISABILITIES AND NONDISABILITIES. CALTRANS HAS DISCRIMINATED
16 AGAINST PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES FOR ACCESS AND
17 PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE ADDRESSED LATER IN
18 A LETTER TO ALL OF YOU FROM ME IN CONCERNS TO A.D.A. IN
19 ADDITION TO THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY L.A., I PLAN TO
20 BRING A SMALL CLAIMS LAWSUIT AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 DISABILITY FOR DISCRIMINATION, PREJUDICE AND BIAS AGAINST AN
22 INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE NON-DISABLED AND THE DISABLED.
23 TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, MY COMPLAINT OUTSIDE OF THIS FACILITY, THE
24 SIDEWALKS, AN AREA OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS.

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1 STOP THIS MADNESS. WILLIS V. LOS ANGELES, BARTON V.
2 SACRAMENTO.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** GOOD EVENING. SO, WE ARE GOING TO
7 DISCUSS PROPERTY, 8400 SOUTH VERMONT. DECEMBER 5TH, YOU GUYS
8 SAID YEA TO HAVING THIS CENTER INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
9 CENTER. SO, I THANK MISS MARILYN ECHOLS FOR COMING. SHE IS THE
10 MOTHER OF ALANIA ECHOLS OF THIS BOARD THAT I'VE BEEN CARRYING
11 FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS, AND SHE WORKS FOR THE PROBATION
12 DEPARTMENT, SO IT SAYS A LOT THAT PROGRAMS ARE NOT WORKING.
13 TRAINING, SUICIDE, SIGNALS, ALL OF THAT IS FABULOUS, BUT IF
14 YOU DON'T APPLY A RESOURCE CENTER SO ALL OF THESE GREAT IDEAS
15 CAN GO INTO, IT'S LIKE A BURSTING BUBBLE. AND ALANIA GAVE HER
16 LIFE TO SEND THE MESSAGE NOT ONLY FOR THE MILLENNIALS THAT
17 THERE IS HOPE BUT THERE IS A CHANGE COMING. SO WE ASK THAT IN
18 90 DAYS THAT WE COME BACK WITH THE BOARD FOR A FOCUS GROUP
19 THAT WILL BE FORMING AT THE RITA WALTERS COMPLEX, WHERE MY
20 DAUGHTER IS A SENIOR, AND WHEN SHE COMES BEFORE THE BOARD, I
21 ASK HER NOT TO BE TREATED AS I WAS TREATED THE LAST SIX YEARS
22 HERE. SHE WILL BE THE FOREFRONT OF LEADING THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN
23 IDEAS OF HOW THE ALANIA INSTITUTE, FINE ARTS INSTITUTE WILL BE
24 DEVELOPED, AND IDEAS FOR JOURNALISM, DEBATE, DANCE,
25 GYMNASTICS, VOLLEYBALL, THINGS THAT ARE NOT GIVEN. THIS IS

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1 WHERE WE WANT FOR VERMONT AND MANCHESTER AREA. WE WOULD LIKE
2 TO HAVE THE STUDENTS WITH THEIR FEEDBACK IN 90 DAYS REPORT
3 BACK TO THE BOARD ON THEIR CONCLUSIONS ON HOW THEY WOULD LIKE
4 THE COUNTY TO HELP THEM HAVE THIS DREAM FULFILLED. IF YOU HAVE
5 ULTERIOR MOTIVES, PLEASE, WE NEED THAT IN WRITING AS OF NOW
6 BEFORE 2018 HITS. 2018 WILL BE THE YEAR OF THE YOUNG PERSON,
7 AND THEY WILL COME FORWARD. SO, PLEASE RESPECT THE MILLENNIALS
8 IN THE IDEAS FOR THE ALANA ECHOLS FINE ARTS INSTITUTE.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JEREMY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JEREMY. I'M A YOUNG PERSON FROM LOS
13 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. I BELIEVE EVERYTHING WE'VE HEARD TODAY IS
14 PRETTY COOL. I LIKE THAT THE LIBRARIES WILL NO LONGER PENALIZE
15 CHILDREN FOR READING. THAT'S AWESOME. I ALSO THINK THAT WE
16 SHOULD HAVE LESS POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN ANYTHING
17 PEACEFUL, SO MARIJUANA AND STUFF LIKE THAT, JUST GET THE
18 PEOPLE WHO ARREST PEOPLE FOR NO REASON OUT OF THE PLACE IN
19 WHICH THEY DON'T BELONG. I ALSO FEEL THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF
20 YOU GUYS SHOULD, YOU KNOW, HELP THE HOMELESS MORE IF YOU HAVE
21 THE POWER TO DO SO. I HAVE ALSO SLEPT IN MY CAR FOR YEARS
22 BEFORE, AND I FIND IT TO BE KIND OF DEPLORABLE THAT THIS PLACE
23 IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LIKE THE MOST MONEY AND THE MOST
24 PROTECTION BUT WE HAVE THE MOST HOMELESS PEOPLE. YOU SHOULD
25 JUST CLEAR OUT A SKYSCRAPER OR SOMETHING AND PUT ALL THE

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1 HOMELESS IN IT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THAT'S NOT HAPPENING. I
2 SEE WAY TOO MANY CRAZY PEOPLE JUST WALKING AROUND WITHOUT ANY
3 PROTECTION WHATSOEVER, BEING TREATED AS IF IT'S THEIR FAULT
4 THAT THEY'RE EMBARRASSING, WHEN THAT'S JUST COMPLETELY
5 HORRIBLE THAT THEY SHOULD BE IN THAT SITUATION IN WHICH THEY
6 ARE LOOKED AT WRONG BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE MATERIAL OBJECTS
7 OR SOMETHING. WE SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE AND
8 NOT BE PENALIZED. I DON'T WANT TO SEE PEOPLE OVER 60 DEALING
9 WITH SITUATIONS THAT I HURT MYSELF FOR BEING IN, SUCH AS WHY
10 AREN'T THEY BEING PROTECTED? LESS PEOPLE IN PRISON FOR THINGS
11 THAT THEY DO TO THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF A COUNTRY THAT MAKES
12 THEM FEEL BAD BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE STUFF. SO, I'M A
13 MUSICIAN, AND I HELP THE KIDS AS MUCH AS I POSSIBLY CAN. I'M
14 THANKFUL FOR THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BEING HERE. THANKS FOR
15 LETTING ME BE HERE AND ALL THAT. THIS IS A REALLY COOL PLACE.
16 I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SO TRANSPARENT THAT I COULD WALK IN HERE
17 AND LIKE TALK TO PEOPLE. IT'S PRETTY AWESOME. WHAT ELSE DO I
18 HAVE TO SAY? I'M THANKFUL FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'LL
19 BE HERE AGAIN NEXT TIME. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, SO I'M A
20 LITTLE NERVOUS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THE
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME, IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR
24 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'D LIKE US TO
2 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF -- AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS IS JOINING WITH ME, TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK
4 NAPOLITANO, THE HUSBAND OF CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO WHO
5 PASSED AWAY FRIDAY AT THEIR HOME IN NORWALK. HE WAS 90 YEARS
6 OLD. FRANK WAS A RESTAURANTEUR. HE WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST.
7 HE WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. HE'S FONDLY REMEMBERED FOR
8 STARTING THE CITY OF NORWALK SANTA SLEIGH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM,
9 WHICH PROVIDES FOOD AND GIFTS TO FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE
10 HOLIDAYS. HE WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND, A FATHER, A GRANDFATHER, A
11 GREAT- GRANDFATHER. I, FLYING BACK AND FORTH TO CONGRESS EVERY
12 WEEK, MANY TIMES, I WOULD BE ON THE SAME FLIGHT AS GRACE, AND
13 MANY TIMES FRANK WOULD BE JOINING HER FOR THE WEEK IN CONGRESS
14 AND THEN FLY HOME WITH HER AGAIN. AND HE WAS ALWAYS WITTY,
15 ALWAYS HAD A GOOD WORD TO SAY TO YOU. BUT I KNOW THAT HE
16 STRUGGLED WITH SOME HEALTH CHALLENGES THIS LAST YEAR AND GRACE
17 HAS REALLY SPENT A LOT OF TIME BEING WITH HIM AND TAKING CARE
18 OF HIM AND SHE WAS AT HIS SIDE THE ENTIRE TIME. AND I KNOW
19 SHE'LL NEVER REGRET THE TIME THAT SHE HAS SPENT WITH HIM IN
20 THIS LAST YEAR. SO, WE WANTED TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
21 FRANK NAPOLITANO, AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF CORY IVERSON. CORY IVERSON WAS A
3 WELL- RESPECTED AND MUCH LOVED FIREFIGHTER WITH CAL FIRE, AND
4 HE DIED LAST THURSDAY BATTLING THE THOMAS FIRE IN VENTURA.
5 CORY HAD BEEN WITH CAL FIRE FOR NINE YEARS AND WORKED AS AN
6 ENGINEER RESPONSIBLE FOR DRIVING AND OPERATING THE ENGINE. HIS
7 DEATH HIGHLIGHTS THE DANGERS THAT FIREFIGHTERS FACE WHEN
8 ENCOUNTERING ANY KIND OF FIRE, BUT ESPECIALLY THESE DANGEROUS
9 WIND-DRIVEN FIRES. CORY GAVE HIS LIFE PROTECTING THE LIVES AND
10 PROPERTY OF OTHERS. HE WAS 32 YEARS OLD AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS
11 WIFE, TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND THEIR UNBORN CHILD DUE IN MAY.
12 OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIM AND HIS IMMEDIATE
13 FAMILY AS WELL AS HIS CAL FIRE FAMILY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FELIX WADE JAMISON, SR., A RESIDENT OF
15 PALMDALE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100. HE PROUDLY SERVED
16 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS PART OF
17 THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND INVASION. AFTER HIS DEPLOYMENT, HE HAD A
18 30-YEAR CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
19 POWER. HE WAS A MEMBER OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF LOS
20 ANGELES FOR OVER 60 YEARS AND ALSO A COMMANDER WITH THE
21 AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERAN OF THE FOREIGN WARS ORGANIZATIONS.
22 FELIX IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER. ALSO, JANUARY RUTH NORDMAN,
23 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. SHE HAD A PROSPEROUS CAREER
24 AS AN ANIMATER AND DIGITAL COMPOSER FOR THE POST-PRODUCTION
25 DIGITAL EFFECTS WORKING ON PROJECTS SUCH AS DUNE, THE ABYSS,

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1 SHORT CIRCUIT, BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE, THE FAST AND
2 THE FURIOUS, AND STARGATE. SHE DESIGNED THE THROOP CHURCH
3 LEARNING GARDEN, WHICH RECEIVED THE 2013 PASADENA GREEN CITY
4 AWARD FOR URBAN NATURE. AND SHE WAS ALSO A VOLUNTEER FOR SUCH
5 ORGANIZATIONS AS THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION, THE ARROYO FOOD
6 CO-OP, AND TRANSITION PASADENA. JANUARY IS SURVIVED BY HER
7 FATHER AND BROTHER. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I MOVE THAT THIS
8 BOARD ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
9 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 CORONER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT
11 RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY THIS PAST MONTH: ALAN COLT, NAVY;
12 JAMES FACKLER, ARMY; ANTONIO REACHI, ARMY; DONALD REYNOLDS,
13 ARMY; THOMAS SIEVERS, ARMY; EDGAR SONE, ARMY; CHARLES
14 WILLIAMS, ARMY; WILLIAM WISE, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
15 AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.
16 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF BRUCE LEE. BRUCE PASSED AWAY ON
20 NOVEMBER 23RD OF THIS YEAR AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS
21 83. HE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 1934 IN OLD TOWN, MAINE.
22 BRUCE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE IN ARKADELPHIA,
23 ARKANSAS, WHERE HE PLAYED FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS. HE LATER
24 WORKED FOR RYAN AERONAUTICAL COMPANY, AND IT WAS HERE WHERE HE
25 BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AUTO WORKERS UNION. HIS

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1 CAREER IN LABOR SPANNED OVER 35 YEARS. HE ROSE THROUGH THE
2 RANKS AS LOCAL UNION PRESIDENT TO FINALLY REGIONAL DIRECTOR
3 AND INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER. I CAME TO KNOW BRUCE
4 DURING MY TIME IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND IN THE CONGRESS.
5 HE WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL. AND BRUCE WAS PRECEDED IN
6 DEATH BY HIS WIFE, NILANE, DAUGHTER, GLORIA, FATHER, WILLIAM,
7 AND MOTHER, FLORENCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, BRUCE,
8 SISTERS, CONSTANCE AND HOPE, AND BROTHER, TERRY. HE'LL BE
9 TRULY MISSED. THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
12 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARTIN RANSOHOFF. HE WAS ONE OF
13 HOLLYWOOD'S MOST PROLIFIC FILMMAKERS. HE FOUNDED FILMWAYS IN
14 1952 WITH ED KASPER TO MAKE T.V. COMMERCIALS, THEN MOVED INTO
15 DOCUMENTARIES AND THEN TELEVISION SITCOMS. AT ONE POINT IN THE
16 1960S, HE HAD FIVE SERIES ON THE AIR: MR. ED, THE BEVERLY
17 HILLBILLIES, GREEN ACRES, PETTICOAT JUNCTION, AND THE ADDAMS
18 FAMILY. HE MOVED INTO FILM PRODUCING AND PRODUCED OR CO-
19 PRODUCED 46 FILMS, INCLUDING CATCH-22 AND JAGGED EDGE. HE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HIS SONS, PETER, STEVE AND KURT, AND HIS
21 STEPCHILDREN, STEVEN AND ERICA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HILDA EISEN, WHO DIED ON
23 NOVEMBER 22ND AT THE AGE OF 100. SHE WAS A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
24 BORN IN POLAND WHO TWICE ESCAPED CAPTURE BY THE NAZIS, CAME TO
25 THE U.S. AFTER THE WAR, AND WITH HER HUSBAND BECAME THE

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1 LARGEST EGG DISTRIBUTORS WEST OF THE ROCKIES. AFTER SHE AND
2 HER HUSBAND SOLD THEIR BUSINESS, THEY FOCUSED ON PHILANTHROPY
3 AND WERE EARLY SUPPORTERS OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM IN
4 WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS RUTH, MARY
5 AND FRANCES. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN
6 IN MEMORY OF HOWARD LAYNE. HE BUILT HOUSES, INDUSTRIAL
7 BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES RANGING FROM AIRPLANE HANGARS,
8 LIBRARIES, A CAR WASH IN SAN FERNANDO AND NEWHALL. HE SKIED.
9 HE WON NUMEROUS METALS AS A CYCLIST. HE WAS A TRIATHLETE AT
10 THE WORLD SENIOR GAMES IN HIS 70S AND 80S, AND HE LOGGED
11 NEARLY 23,000 MILES ON A SHIMANO BICYCLE SERVING AS A
12 COMPONENT TESTER FOR THE COMPANY. WITH HIS WIFE, HE SUPPORTED
13 MANY CHARITABLE CAUSES INCLUDING THE NORTH VALLEY FAMILY
14 Y.M.C.A., WHERE HE SAT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THREE
15 DECADES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SONS LARRY AND STEVE AND HIS
16 DAUGHTER LINDA. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ACTOR ROBERT BRUCE GRAY, WHO DIED IN
18 DECEMBER. HE BEGAN HIS ACTING CAREER ON THE STAGE. HE WAS A
19 MEMBER OF THE CIRCLE REP IN THE 1970S, MOVED INTO DAYTIME
20 DRAMAS AND MADE GUEST APPEARANCES ON HUNDREDS OF T.V. SHOWS.
21 HE GAINED NOTORIETY IN THE GAY COMMUNITY AS SHICKLE THE PICKLE
22 ON QUEER AS FOLK. HE WAS ALSO AN AWARD-WINNING RESIDENT
23 DIRECTOR OF THEATER 40 IN BEVERLY HILLS, AND FOR THE LAST 10
24 YEARS HE VOLUNTEERED IN THE G.A.T.E. PROGRAM AT AT TOLUCA LAKE
25 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, JUDY. AND

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1 FINALLY, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF HOWARD GOTTFRIED. AFTER SERVING IN THE ARMY DURING
3 WORLD WAR II AND EARNING HIS LAW DEGREE AT N.Y.U., HE WAS A
4 PRODUCER OF OFF-BROADWAY THEATER. HE JOINED UNITED ARTISTS
5 TELEVISION AND THEN MOVED TO ED SULLIVAN'S PRODUCTION COMPANY.
6 AFTER HE MET PADDY CHAYEFISKY, HE BEGAN A COLLABORATION WITH
7 THE OFTEN TEMPESTUOUS SCREENWRITER. THEY WORKED TOGETHER ON
8 THE ACADEMY-AWARD WINNING FILMS THE HOSPITAL AND NETWORK.
9 AFTER HIS COLLABORATION WITH CHAYEFISKY ENDED, HE PRODUCED
10 OTHER FILMS, INCLUDING THE ADAPTATION OF HARVEY FIERSTEIN'S
11 TORCH SONG TRILOGY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARY LYNN
12 GOTTFRIED AND HIS DAUGHTERS ELIZABETH AND NORAH. ALL THE
13 MOTIONS MADE IN MEMORY ARE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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16 **LORI GLASGOW:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
17 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
18 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1,
19 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE
20 FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER; ITEM
21 NUMBER C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; AND
22 ITEM NUMBER C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS SACHI A.
23 HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
24 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2018 AT

2 9:30 A.M.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2017

CS-1 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

(Government Code Section 54957)

Interview and consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position of Public Defender. (17-1836)

The Board selected a finalist for the position of Public Defender, which will be returned to the Board for final action on the appointment and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a salary and execute an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by the County Counsel subsequent to approval of an annual salary by the Board of Supervisors. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

(Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer and designated staff

Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)

No reportable action was taken.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
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4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th
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